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Celebrating the rainbow

by Michael Gorman
Associate Editor

This Labor Day weekend will mark the sixth year for Sacramento's annual celebration of Gay and Lesbian diversity, the Rainbow Festival. The idea for the Rainbow Festival germinated when Richard Boriolo attended a ralley in San Francisco protesting the Supreme Court's sodomy ruling. Boriolo began wondering why the Sacramento gay and lesbian community did not pull together as often and effectively as the San Francisco community. He decided, rather spontaneously, to organize a charity fundraising fair in River City. In his words, he did it "because I didn't know any better. I did it because no one told me I couldn't."

Working with Terry Sidie of Faces and Jeffrey Steig, Boriolo produced the first modest Rainbow Festival which filled only the Faces parking lot with a barbeque and eight booths constructed by Mark Briton, who still builds booths and stages for the festival.

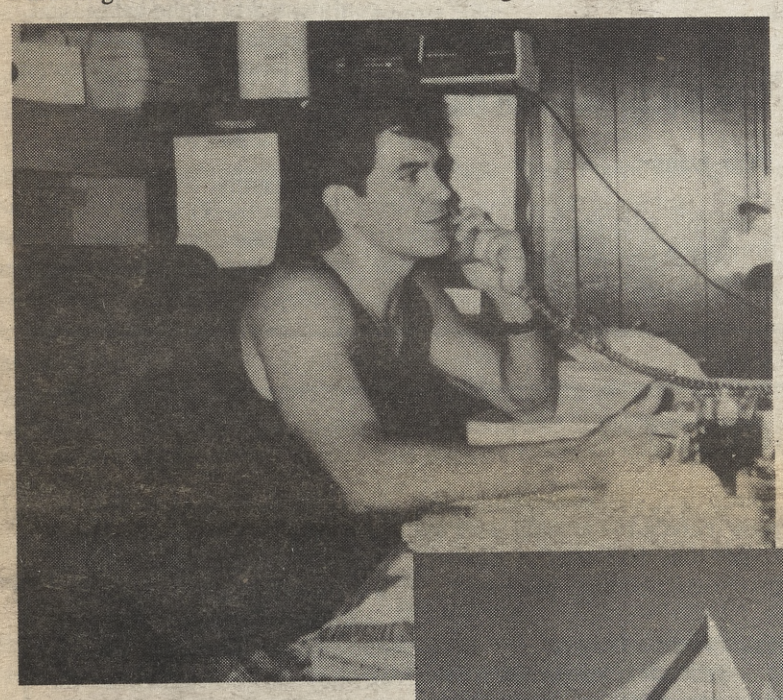
The festival has grown yearly, now filling the street beside Faces and attracting famous entertainers. The business of entertainment is now handled by Shannon McCullough, an example of the delegation of responsibility that the festival's growth has demanded. Organizers now receive inquiries from across the country.

"I feel good about the festival," said Boriolo, "I feel good when the voter registration people tell me they've signed up hundreds of people. I feel good when Lambda Letters tells me they signed up 200 people. I do what I do because it's a responsibility. It's important to the community. The Rainbow Festival is a celebration of gay diversity. That's why it's called the Rainbow Festival. In order for the gay community to have any strength, it must learn to get along with all of its diverse parts."

Asked about the future of the festival, Boriolo laughed and said, "Somebody once called me Mr. Rainbow Festival, but I'm not interested in my name being associated with it. What would make me feel good is if I left and came back in ten years and it was still going on."

The festival will begin this year with "Jo and Stacy's Kickoff Show" at 8PM on Thursday, August in the video room at Faces. On Friday, August 30 at 11PM, Bonnie Pointer (of the Pointer Sisters) will perform in the tent behind Faces. Comedians Lois Blomfield and J.J. Van Dyck will perform on Saturday, August 31 at 11PM in the tent. On all these nights, there will be country dancing in the tent and disco dancing on the main dance floor from 7PM to 2AM, except during show times. There will be a $5 cover each night.

The main street faire will take place on Sunday, September 1, from 10AM to 6PM. The Festival promises to be a "celebration that raises money for charity," according to Boriolo. The beneficiaries of this year's festival will be the Lambda Center and Hope House. On a more personal note Boriolo said soberly, "For me its another chance to reassure myself that I am not that child anymore, caught in the nightmare of not being able to tell anyone I'm gay. I can meet with other gays and say 'I'm alive and so are you. Let's celebrate that!'" For information call 392-4048. ▼



Richard Boriolo, founder of the Rainbow Festival in Sacramento, is the coordinating force behind the now six year old event. The festival will take place Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 near 20th and K Streets

Photo by Michael Gorman

The Lambda Community center (pictured) and the Hope House are this year's beneficiaries of the proceded of the sixth annual Rainbow Festival

Photo by Michael Gorman

Hope House: Fighting back with hope

by Valentina Zeff
OF MGW STAFF

Hope House is a Loaves and Fishes project, located in downtown Sacramento, which provides low-cost residential housing for adults with AIDS (or ARC). Since its opening in 1987, Hope House has served over 44 residents. Recently, the residency capacity was expanded was expanded from 10 to 15 beds, Hope House welcomed its first female resident, and the entire first floor (6 beds) was designated as Hospice, with 24 hour caregivers available.

Because Hope House fosters an atmosphere of cooperation and personal independence, Hope House Executive Director Reverend Ed Sherriff explained that not all applicants become residents. "Applicants must meet some eligibility requirements and aggree to abide by Hope House residency rules. However, we are not overcrowded and usually have vacancies, so we encourage interested people to apply." Each resident in the beautiful three-story Victorian is provided a nicely-furnished, private room and has access to the communal kitchens, shared bath facilities, living rooms and outdoor areas. The house and grounds are comfortable and meticulously well-kept; there is even a pleasant garden where residents have planted corn, other vegetables and brightly-colored flowers. "There is a strong family feeling here," said Reverend Sherriff,

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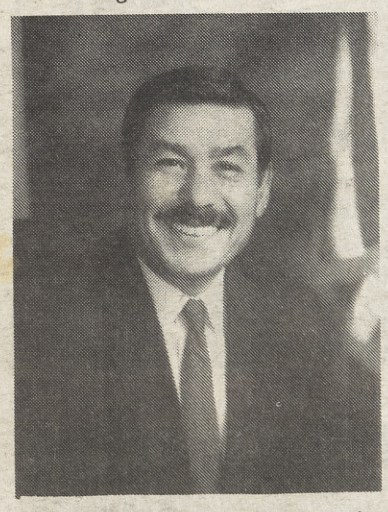
Photo by Mike Cook

This is but one of the many pieces of art recently auctioned off at Art Attack II, a benefit for Hope House.

Changes are coming for the Sacramento City Council

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

This is the first of two articles on local government "redistricting," a process used to adjust the districts of elected officials to fit the realities of population changes. This article is on city council redistricting. The next will be on county board of supervisors redistricting.



City Councilman Joe Serna, Jr.

The big growth in Sacramento's population over the past 10 years means that the boundaries of city council districts must be changed. In 1980, the city's population was about 275,000. In 1990, the population was nearly 370,000. that's a growth of about 34 percent in 10 years.

In 1980, each member of the city council represented about 34,300 residents. That means the boundary lines of the eight city council districts must be changed.

Not every city council district has too many people because of growth in that district. Some council districts have too few people because people have been moving out of those areas. Naturally, growth is uneven throughout Sacramento.

For example, City Council District 1 which includes the fast-growing South Natomas area, has too many residents. By contrast, Districts 7 and 8, the Meadowview and Pocket areas, don't have

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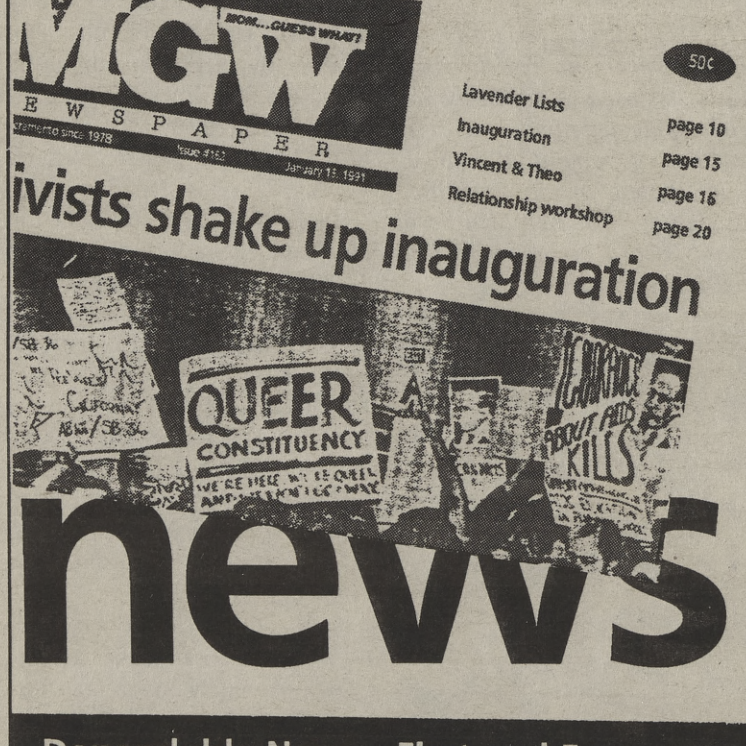

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CHICO'S THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

The Fest Committee and I wish to thank you for participating at Chico's first Freedom Fest. The day was a success with over 400 people attending during the five hour event. Already people are asking about next year. Others who missed this year's Fest are commenting on making sure they are here next time.

I hope your goals for exhibiting at the Freedom Fest were acheived. May the rest of your year be bright and proud.

Sincerely,
Eric Ruben

[Editor's Note: MGW was proud to be a part of this historic beginning along with Terry Sidie and the Rainbow Festival, CGNIE, The Lavender Angels, Patlar, and the Lambda Center. Sacramento is behind you, Chico!]

HYPOCRITICAL NEWS?

Dear Editor,

Here's a weird development: the Sacramento Union has run an ad for an X-rated film.

Excuse me? Isn't the Union the newspaper that prides itself in not accepting ads for films rated NC-17 by the MPAA because, in the words of Union editor Joe Farah, they're "just pornographic, dirty movies"??

Nevertheless, there it was, an ad for the Crest cinema showing the X-rated "Last Tango In Paris" in the July 26th and 27th editions of "Sacramento's family newspaper." Oops!

The Union's policy of black-balling NC-17-rated films is even more strange if you consider that (under right-wing extremist logic) the Union promotes such NC-17 activities as smoking, drinking and gambling by running ads for cigarettes and grocery stores that sell booze, and printing the lottery results.

"Sacramento's family newspaper," indeed! Sounds more like "Sacramento's hypocritical newspaper."

Sincerely yours,
Allen Turner

C.G.N.I.E. ELECTIONS

Dear Editor,

In 1985, after the honesty of the previous 8 elections had been seriously questioned, the then reigning Emperor and the President of the Board developed a program to guarantee an honest election, thereby ending the negative feelings within the community which has followed many of the previous elections. One of the principle points of this plan required that all ballots be counted by an accountant and the results be kept confidential until the night of the Ball.

It now comes to our attention that the "current Board of Directors" have, following the most controversial election since 1985, voted to "save" money by eliminating this requirement and having the ballots counted by the Coporate Secretary, C. Preston and the Corporate President, D. Shaefer rather than paying the Coporate Accountants for this service. It would seem to us that with the talent represented on this Board, it would have served the community better to have raised the needed funds, thereby guaranteeing the accuracy and confidentiality of the ballot total.

We question if this might not be just one more attempt to discredit and destroy C.G.N.I.E. and all that we have worked for.

Sincerely,
Emperor XI & XII Chuck Thornley
Empress XI Yvette N. Alley

Balloons: Don't let go

Balloon releases are a popular way to celebrate special events. In one recent promotion, for example, 1.2 million helium-filled balloons were released into the air.

Background. In 1985, an emaciated 17-foot female sperm whale died on the New Jersey coast. When marine scientists examined it, they found a balloon -- with 3 feet of ribbon still attached -- blocking the valve that connected the whale's stomach to its intestines. Because the whale had swallowed the balloon, it was unable to digest food; it was starving.

Since then, similar incidents have been recorded -- notably with sea turtles that died after swallowing partly-deflated latex balloons.

Up, up and astray ...

-- Balloons released in the Midwest can wind up in the ocean. Recently, a test balloon released in Ohio reached the South Carolina coast in only two days.

-- When balloons land in the water, they quickly lose their color. With ribbons or strings trailing behind them, they look uncannily like jellyfish -- which are among turtles' favorite foods.

-- For some reason, schools of squid -- the sperm whale's favorite food -- congregate around pieces of plastic in the water. When they surround a latex balloon, whales will swallow that, too.

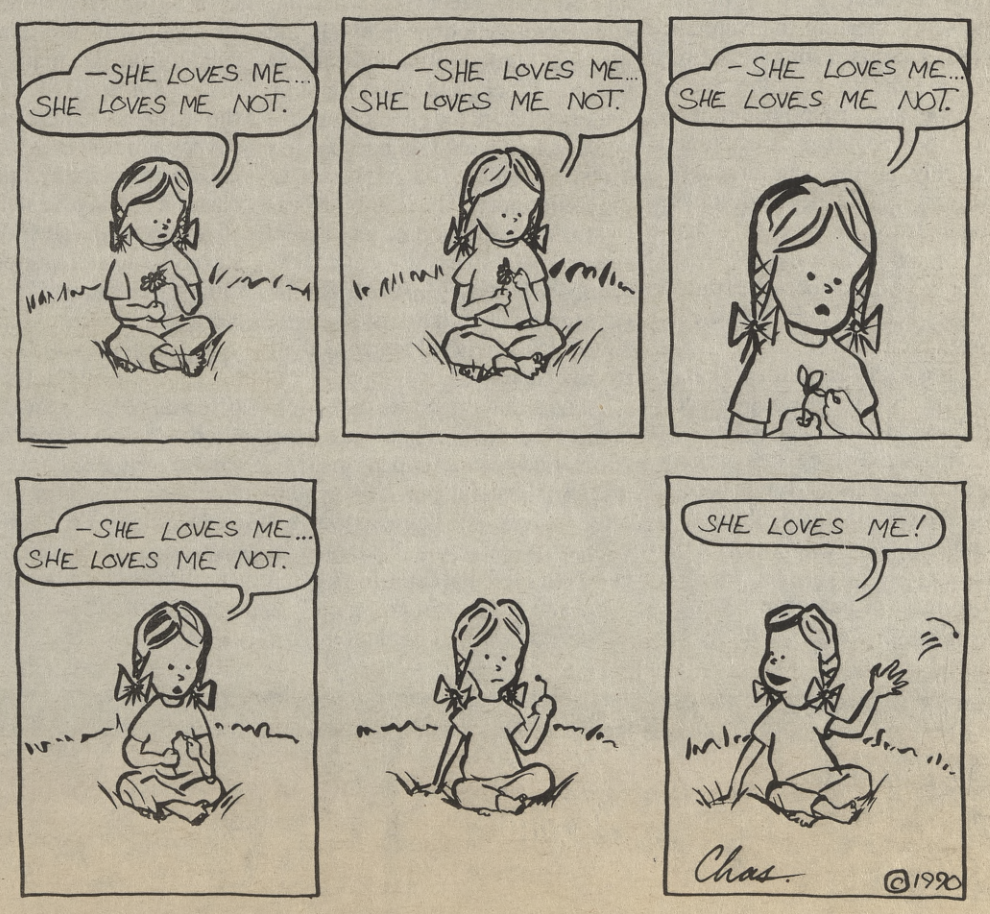
-- Additional hazards: As Mylar (metallic) balloons float into the air, they can get caught in power lines and cause power outages.

Lofty ideas ...

-- If you buy helium-filled balloons, hold onto them -- don't release them into the atmosphere when you're through with them.

-- If your group plans a balloon release, inform people of the potential hazards. Most of us aren't aware that balloons pose a risk.▼

Bittersweet by Charles Haver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'Outing fever' hits the media

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The mainstream print and electronic media was once again thrown into a tizzy of titillation in early August over the issue of "outing" after the Aug. 27 issue of The Advocate, now on newsstands, revealed a story several lesbian/gay newspapers around the country had already covered over a
month before, namely that a key civilian Pentagon official, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Pete Williams, is gay.

Reports of Williams' homosexuality surfaced in the nation's lesbian/gay press as early as July 11 when members of Queer Nation/ Washington DC outed the high-level Bush appointee at a press conference. Although the mainstream media attended the Queer Nation press conference in droves, not one daily, news magazine or TV news department touched it, leaving the outing to be reported by several lesbian/gay papers.

But during the first week in August, the Los Angeles-based magazine, The Advocate, which is editorially opposed to outing, decided to run the piece as its cover story. And despite the previous publication of the material about Williams from the QN/DC press conference, Advocate editors decided to carefully leak what the article was about to every national news agency in the country.

It's smart marketing, of course, but dubious ethics. Or is that being redundant?

And in a typical fit of "attack journalism" TV and radio newsrooms and daily publications from Miami to Seattle began circling the story like so many muzzled sharks in a feeding frenzy.

Because the article in The Advocate embraces the militant tactic of outing closeted gays and lesbians, using publicity to force them to reveal their sexual orientation, it distresses nearly as many people inside the media as outside. On one hand, the traditional canons of journalism (not to mention still ambiguous libel laws) argue against such invasive news reporting. On the other hand, even the most high-minded editors feel a bit odd running lengthy articles that fail to mention who the article is about. "Who," after all is the first of the Five Ws of journalism.

San Jose Mercury News managing editor Jerome Ceppos put it this way: "The only thing that feels funny to me is that I know the person's name and most of Washington does, too, and our job isn't usually to withhold information."

But especially after a television news network and a major publication broke one of the longest-standing taboos by naming the alleged victim and other principals in the William Kennedy Smith rape case earlier this year, the dilemma of "who" has become more problematic for mainstream reporters and editors alike.

And behind all this elevated concern about privacy and invasive journalism lies the cold reality of competition.

The New York Times has disdained even to report on the flap - let alone mention Williams by name. New York's Village Voice, which was originally offered the story, finally rejected it because it opposes outing.

And while the Sacramento Bee, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times all reported on the flap, none of the venerable California Big Three could bring themselves to print Williams' name either.

But increasingly the mainstream media are naming names - at least after someone in the lesbian/gay press does all the work for them.

ABC-TV News give film footage to all its affiliates showing a reporter confronting Williams about the accuracy of The Advocate article during a routine Pentagon press conference, and dozens of local TV stations either aired the ABC feed or even did their own stories naming Williams.

The Detroit News became the first daily metropolitan newspaper to identify Williams. News editor Robert Giles said, "For us as journalists, it [the dilemma of outing] is compounded by publications like The Advocate that make it their business to reveal lifestyles."

And although the Washington Post has so far refused to name Williams in its articles on the outing, the Post's ombudsman Richard Harwood summed up how easily such policies are now changing at dailies. He said, "I remember, a few months before the Gary Hart case, we were sitting around a conference table and
saying, 'Suppose Gary Hart is screwing around. Who cares?' And the next thing I knew it was on our front page."

Of course the Post broke its stories on Gary Hart's sexual escapades only after another leading daily - the Miami Herald - broke the story first. The issue of ethics and journalistic propriety then swiftly gave way to raw competitiveness.

Ben Bagdikian, a journalism scholar at the University of California at Berkeley and a former newspaper editor, said some media sources have identified Williams using the same rationalization The Advocate did in breaking its own policy against outing. "If it reveals a hypocrisy with a serious political impact, there is no problem in my mind."

Bagdikian also said the sheer momentum of competition could easily break down the taboo that now still keeps much of the media form actually identifying outed individuals even while they run lengthy articles on those unnamed individuals being outed elsewhere.

Eventually, Bagdikian said, more and more editors will probably wind up saying, "We morally disapprove of what other media are doing about outing, but we're going to do it, too, to be competitive."

Well, at least he's being honest about it. ▼

Women act up over breast cancer

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kathy Marks was diagnosed last year with breast cancer, the illness that killed her own mother at the age of 44. She says she has "always lived with the fear that it would happen to me" and describes herself as a "pretty ordinary" middle-class person with a 6-year-old daughter.

But on a sunny Saturday afternoon recently, she was sitting in a room at Oakland's Cancer Support Community with 17 other women and two men from Breast Cancer Action (BCA) who had gathered to listen to lesbian and radical AIDS activist Brenda Lein of ACT UP/ Golden Gate talk about militant street activism and the intricacies of teaching yourself about highly specialized, often obtuse medical information.

"If we could work together," Lein said, "we'd be an unstoppable force. HIV disease is pandemic. Breast cancer is the same way. It's not just you who are living with breast cancer. The world is living with breast cancer."

But why are AIDS activists concerned about breast cancer, and why are these "pretty ordinary" people listening to a militant lesbian AIDS activists tell them about street activism?

Lein and other AIDS activists have begun to recognize that the epidemic itself isn't the problem and are in some ways broadening their attack to include a more sweeping criticism of the nation's health care system itself - from research to drug approval to insurance to clinical services. They are, of course, all issues that directly impact AIDS. But they are also the same issues, activists say, that affect virtually every health problem facing the nation.

Also, within the past few years of tightening budgets at all governmental levels, federal, state and local officials increasingly are turning a deaf ear to demands for increased funding, claiming that there is only so much money for medical and health issues. This, Lein and other AIDS activists agree, isn't true and that the government's response only serves to split cancer activists from heart-disease activists from AIDS activist and thus weaken the political power of them all.

And finally, there is statistical evidence that suggests lesbians - at least those who have never born children - may be two to three times as likely to contract breast cancer as other women. Some lesbian health activists say that as many as 11,000 of the estimated 44,000 women who died of breast cancer in this country last year may have been lesbians. And both the numbers of women being stricken and the absolute death rate from breast cancer has been steadily rising for more than a decade.

And even though breast cancer activism is only now beginning to get media attention, groups like

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There's an angel on your corner

by Michael Gorman
Associate Editor

"Faggot! Dyke!" Spit from the lips of homophobic street punks and insecure straight boys and girls, the invectives are all too familiar to every out-of-the-closet gay man and lesbian. Far too often too, the hatred and fear behind the words erupt into violence: gay bashing. Such an eruption left Vincent Blades dying in a Sacramento parking lot last March 7.As with other acts of bigoted insanity in the past, that murder galvanized the resolve of many good people to see that the violence stops.

As the head of the Lambda Center's hate crimes program, Shaanon Lindauer was no stranger to violence. In the days prior to the Blades murder, she had dealt with the beatings of two male prostitutes and the rape of a straight woman, all in the Lavender Heights area. For her, the murder was the final straw. She began planning, and two months later the Lavender Angels alighted in Sacramento,a kind of mobile neighborhood watch.

There are five gay neighborhood patrols in the country. Of those, the Lavender Angels are the only non-violent, non-confrontational patrol. Lindauer calls them "the eyes and ears of the Sacramento Police Department" in the area of town known for the greatest density of gay night life, with frequent walking between clubs and beyond. The Angels carry walkie-talkies and whistles and are trained to recognize trouble and alert the police. In the face of serious threat, however, the Lavender Angels are trained in martial arts self-defense by black belt Midge Marino. "We can protect ourselves and our people," said Lindauer. Tami Low, a professional law enforcement officer also advises the group.

Of their non-confrontational attitude, Lindauer said,"We admire Martin Luther King, Jr. and his non-violent methods. We even dress non-confrontationally - no berets, no boots, just our white and lavender t-shirts. And hey, we're out there on Friday and Saturday nights; we all do our hair."

According to Lindauer, there are incidents every weekend, gay to gay or straight to gay, yet the Angels stop the incidents without having to touch anyone. Lindauer claims that there have been no gay bashings in the three months since the inception of the Lavender Angels.

Photo by Sonya Cox

Brenda (Brett Harte) recently MC'd a fundraiser for the Lavender Angels at the Mercantile Saloon in Sacramento

Lindauer says, "The Angels are responsible, very socially conscious, level-headed, concerned citizens tired of seeing gays and lesbians hurt." The group is predominantly women, most of them very sober and very spiritual, according to their founder.

Sober and level-headed was indeed how the two Angles looked standing on the corner of K and 20th on Saturday night, August 20. Asked about his feelings on his first night as a patrolling Lavender Angel, Kevin Gibson replied facetiously, "My feet hurt." In a more serious tone he continued, "I've noticed more people holding hands out here than ever before, more people walking around. They feel safer. That's good." Gibson's patrolling partner Kristin Sylvia added, "We're here for them. Everyone who comes here, straight or gay, is a potential victim." Sylvia said she volunteered for the Lavender Angels because, "I wanted to give something back to the community. Besides, I go here; I want to feel safe."

Asked how the experience has affected them, Sylvia claimed, "It gives you more confidence, that little extra boost." With a tone that reflects the Angels' curious mixture of political seriousness and self-confident humor, Gibson added, "Well, I still don't have a boyfriend yet, but hey, this is my first night out, so there's still hope. Can you mention that my birthday is August 26th? My birthday never gets in MGW!"

The Lavender Angels are hoping to expand with a new recruitment drive in August and September, particularly to cover Women's Night downtown on Wednesdays. The five year plan includes an anti-violence center in Lavender Heights offering counseling, referrals, and emergency assistance, but for now simple safety on the streets is the priority.

Any individuals, gay or straight, who believe in the work of the Lavender Angelsare encouraged to volunteer by calling 457-4390. ▼

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Protecting your gay relationships

by Denise Okamoto
OF MGW STAFF

The Lesbian Legal Clinic presented a workshop at the Lambda Community Center informing lesbians of their legal rights and options in a lesbian relationship. Attorney at Law, M. Jane Pearce, led the workshop of about 25 participants.

The three main legal documents that lesbians should concern themselves with while in a committed relationship are Wills, Power of Attorney, and Property Agreements.

Wills protects the partner from loosing control over property, finances, and children, that are shared in the relationship, to biological relatives. Handwritten Wills are accepted in California, but are usually more challenged. Power of Attorney identifies the decision maker and the caretaker if someone in the relationship becomes incapacitated due to illness or injury. Property Agreements clarifies who gets ownership of what when the relationship ends. This can be anything purchased together from small appliances to homes or cars.

Documents handled by professionals are better insured to stand against any future opposition. Depending on the complexity and extensiveness of the document, costs range from $75 to $3,000.

Because gay and lesbian marriages are not legal in the United States yet, gays and lesbians are not granted certain benefits that heterosexuals obtain by virtue of a marriage license. These documents, if done correctly, help to protect and clarify the gay and lesbians relationships on a material and legal level.▼

Hallmark cards: Gay is ok, Lesbian is 'bad word'

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hallmark Cards, that American bastion of gauzy niceness, has raised the ire of the Los Angeles GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) for banning the word "lesbian" from a new make-it-yourself line of greeting cards the company launched earlier this year.

Hallmark card shops around the country started a new "Personalize It"
program earlier this year that lets customers select certain generic cards with no messages inside and then use an in-shop computer to print out their own individual messages on them.

But, according to Charlotte Innes, GLAAD/LA's outreach co-chair, several attempts to use the new computer to create cards for participants in the San Diego Gay & Lesbian Pride Weekend as well as a card for GLAAD itself ended in failure.

According to Innes, clerks at Hallmark shops in two different locations in Los Angeles said the word "lesbian" was on a list of "bad words" that are banned from the special Hallmark computer, although the word "gay" is not on the list of proscribed words.

Hallmark's media relations director, Renee Hershey, confirmed that indeed the word "lesbian" is unacceptable because the word might be used "in a derogatory or insulting way." Hershey said "gay" was not on the rejected-word list because it could be used to mean "happy or carefree."

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news

Retired Lt. Colonel hands back military awards over anti-gay policies

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Retired Lt. Colonel Cliff Anchor, who is believed to be the highest ranking officer to publicly come out so far, dropped in at the Armed Services Recruiting Center here on Wednesday, Aug. 7, to return to the military a fistful of awards and citations he had received during his active-duty military career to protest he called "appalling" reports recently of the armed forces' "witch-hunts" aimed at lesbian and gay personnel after it had used "the skills of gays and lesbians when it has need of them."

Marching briskly into the Recruiting Center at midday, Anchor handed a somewhat bemused recruiting officer a sheath full of awards and citations he has received from several branches of the U.S. armed forces for his recruitment efforts in their behalf and said, "I'm returning these ... to protest the hypocritical treatment and double standard the United States armed forces uses against gay and lesbian service men and women. I am certainly not anti-military. Being in the military is an honorable profession. But I am anti-cruelty."

Anchor later said President Bush could, by a simple executive order, eliminate the Department of Defense regulation that "institutionalizes bigotry against Americans because of their sexual orientation."

Anchor, who has twice service as a U.S. military delegate to NATO

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Council changes to come

from front page

enough residents to meet the goal of 46,200 people in each district.

So, a lot of shifting and changing of boundaries must be done. Under the law. this major project must be completed by November 1. In the past, most cities -- and counties -- and states -- completed this task without significant citizen input. For the most part, public officials met with their staffs and worked out arrangements which more or less met the law and protected the interests of public officials.

For several reasons, times have changed and a new openness is evident in the City of Sacramento's redistricting process. According to David Martinez, Deputy City Manager, this openness is due to the desire of Mayor Anne Rudin and certain other city councilmembers to operate local government in an open manner that gives every resident a chance to participate.

According to others at City Hall, it's due to the fear that lawsuits would be sure to follow if complete openness were not practiced. The recent L.A. County case in which Latinos forced the county Board of Supervisors to redraw the lines and hold a special election is fresh in the minds of elected officials everywhere.

The city charter provides broad guidelines to be used in creating the new districts. Above all, they must come fairly close to equal population in each district. In addition, they must consider such factors as topography, geography, integrity of territory (no funny-shaped gerrymanders), community of interests and existing neighborhoods and communities.

According to Gary Zeigenfuss, the associate planner in charge of this project, Sacramento's open handling of the issue is drawing attention from around the nation. "Several government agencies have called for our materials," he said. "The NAACP has shown an interest, too."

The "materials" include a "redistricting kit" which city staff has distributed at numerous public meetings around town. The meetings, which started in May and will continue through late August, feature complete explanations of the process by city staff and councilmembers. The redistricting kit is *A Handbook for Citizen Participation*. It includes summaries of population characteristics, studies of census tracts and a lot of statistical data.

To make the "number-crunching" easier, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has prepared "redistricting software" which can be used in IBM compatible computers to handle the mathematics involved. The software is available from the city.

The official Redistricting Committee is the city council itself with the mayor acting as chair of the committee. The staff of the committee includes Ziegenfuss and several other city employees. So far, 10 community meetings have been held to explain the process. At least one more will be held in August -- on the 21st in the south area.

On August 28, a "summary meeting" will be held at City Hall to gather all the information received at the community meetings, take additional testimony, receive the maps drawn by community groups and give direction to the staff.

In September, official plans will be presented to the city council and a "decision meeting" is scheduled for October 14.

According to Ziegenfuss, several community groups have shown great interest in redistricting, especially African-Americans, Latinos and Asians. Black and Latino groups have purchased the software, are reported to have hired

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editorial

The Rainbow: Our hope, Our power

Each year as the gay and lesbian civil rights movement gains more momentum and visibility, the question repeatedly returns: who are we? Is it possible for such a diverse community to act as a coordinated, cohesive entity? If so, who's agenda drives us? The men? The women? The activists? The media? How can the Log Cabin Republicans reconcile with the Gay Democratic Clubs, or the Court System and the Leather Association with Women's Music Festivals?

Too often our answer is to throw up our hands and have brunch, or worse, to turn accusing fingers at each other in a type of ideological one-upmanship: "If only the drag queens didn't encourage stereotypes! If only the Guppies didn't sell out for money! If only the closet cases didn't stay silent! If only the lesbians weren't so serious! If only the boys could think past tomorrow's party! If only the bars didn't make us alcoholics! If only the leathermen didn't promote violence! If only the newspapers didn't print 900 sex lines! You're too much like straight people! You're not enough like straight people! If only ACT-UP wouldn't! If only Queer Nation called itself Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Nation! Assimilationist! Closet Queen! Bitch! Dyke! Fem! Faggot! Enough! Enough! Enough! Enough!

If we, in our common oppression, cannot find common ground upon which to stand, there is certainly no hope for the straight world on this shrinking planet of ours, and we'll all go down together! We must stop cannibalizing ourselves and recognize our unique and historic opportunity to be models for the whole world, to teach them that diversity is nothing to fear. It is societies which legislate sameness that kill the human spirit. The obsession with sameness engenders competition, jealousy, divisiveness and bitter enmity. Diversity empowers cooperation, admiration, progress and mutual support. I can do what you cannot, and you can do what I cannot.

But where do we connect? The answer is before us always: in our common persecution. Each of us knows the sting of discrimination. Can we have our lover's pictures on our desks at work? Can we talk freely of our vacations at the lunch table when the straights do? Can our spouses bring us a change of cloths at the office without enduring snide curiosity and subtle ridicule? Can we attend the office picnic together and be accepted on an equal footing with heterosexually based families? Can we share our medical insurance? Can we exchange legally sanctioned vows at the altar? Are we even allowed near most altars? Can we file joint tax returns? Can we stand unmolested at our partners' deathbeds? Can we walk hand-in-hand down the street and expect the smiles that greet male\female couples? Can we expect couples' discounts? Can we count on equal treatment in housing, law and employment? No! No! No! No! And no!

That is our commonality; we are not free, and we all want to be free. We all want to claim our birthright, the birthright we grew up believing was ours: life, liberty, and a chance to seek happiness. If I decide to demand those freedoms by signing a petition or running for office and you decide to shout in the streets or wave a six-inch heeled pump, so much the better! There are many battle fronts. You fight at yours, and I will fight at mine, and we will maintain the field hospital in common -- encouraging, healing and nurturing each other in a community purged of the judgements of our enemies. Then maybe we can all meet together one day in the victory parade -- together!

Celebrate diversity! It is our power! It is our future! It is our gift! Wave the Rainbow Flag proudly, with all of its colors! Let this year's Rainbow Festival be a time of coming together, to marvel at our differences and to strengthen our resolve to work with one another toward our common goal -- the equal opportunity to seek our path to freedom. The flag is not a rainbow for nothing! We are children of the rainbow. Embrace it! Embrace its message! For once and forever, embrace it! ▼

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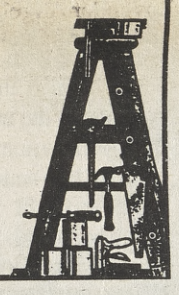

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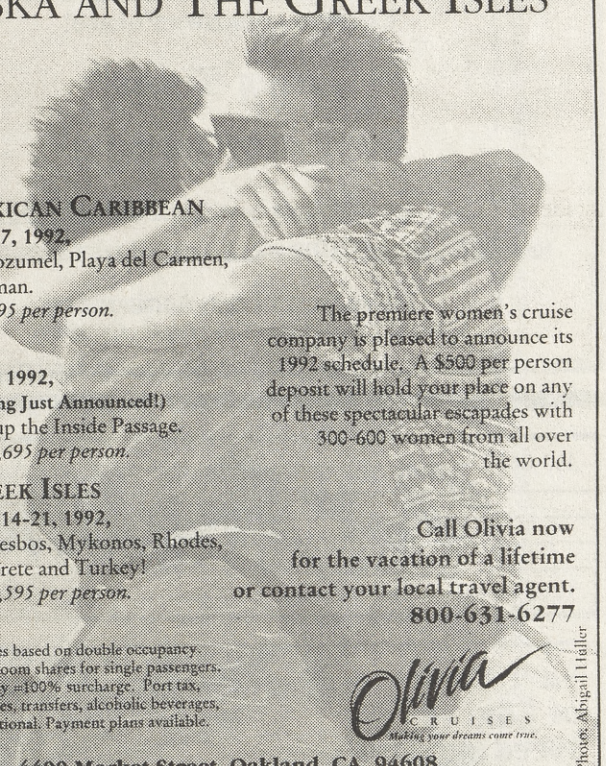

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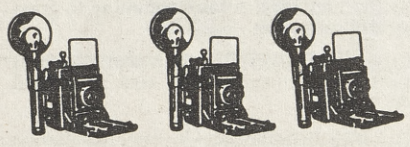

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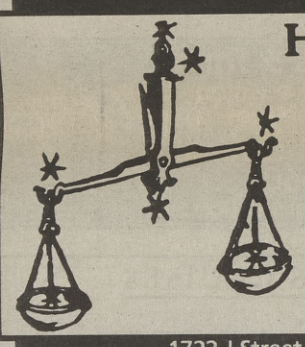
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California

Disneyland dancer publishes civil rights newsletter

Civil rights crusader, Andrew Exler, is publishing a free newsletter focusing on the civil and constitutional rights in for gays and lesbians in California. The Crusader will be sent free to anyone requesting it. Topics such as adult bookstores, atheist boy scout, gay scout leaders, men's rights issues, and Assembly Bill 101 have been covered in recent past issues.

Write to Andrew Exler, 100 S. Sunrise Way, Suite 303, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Out In Video

Out In Video is a new quarterly newsletter, featuring news and reviews about the latest videos on release that are of particular interest to the lesbian/gay community. These video emphasis positive images of gays and lesbians. The newsletter includes articles and interviews with lesbian and gay producers, directors, writers, actors and actresses, especially those who challenge homophobia in the entertainment industry.

To subscribe send check or money order for $10 to Out In Video, Persona Press, Box 14022, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Pittsburgh eyes fines for "cruising"

The city council in Pittsburgh is considering an ordinance against "cruising" in the Oakland neighborhood in the early morning hours. The ordinance would impose a fine or jail sentence for any gay males caught "cruising" in the neighborhood. The measure was considered unconstitutional by gay-rights leaders, but councilman Eugene Ricciardi, who introduced the proposal, said that the measure was not anti-gay.

----B.A.R.---

Theologian targeted for pro-gay stance

A trucking company owner is trying to prevent Rev. Michael Kinnamon from becoming the next president of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ because the Reverend does not believe homosexuality is a sin. Kinnamon believes that homosexuality may be a genetic trait. Kinnamon is thought to be discounting the bible, which some people think clearly states that homosexuality is a sin. Officials are afraid the issue of homosexuality and the place of Scriptures as a guide for the Christian following may split the Disciples of Christ.

---B.A.R.---

Impeachment urged for anti-gay judge

An attorney has filed for the impeachment or public reprimand of a federal judge who referred to homosexual inmates as "a bunch of queers" during a court session. U.S. District Judge Sam B. Hall Jr., declined to comment on the complaint filed against him, but refused to retract any of his earlier statements about gays.

---B.A.R.---

Thompson/Kowalski case reopened

A St. Louis County Judge reopened the hearing in the Karen Thompson's/Kowalski case. Karen Thompson is trying to gain guardianship of her lover Sharon Kowalski, who was disabled in a car accident in 1983. Presently no other party has filed a request to be the guardian of Kowalski.

Around the Globe

Gay rights in the Soviet Union

The gay/lesbian movement is advancing so quickly in the Soviet Union, some noteworthy events happened recently. In the Baltic Republic of Latvia, parliament deleted the mal sodomy law from the penal code. They are awaiting the OK by authorities in Moscow, to make it official. In Leningrad, two rock groups, have united with the Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiative and Defense of Sexual Minorities to create heterosexual support for gays and lesbians. In Tallinn, Estonia, the Estonian Lesbian Union plans to open a clubhouse after receiving 10,000 Finnish marks from a lesbian who inherited a large sum of money.

---B.A.R.---

Around the Nation

GLAAD changing how media covers gays

A group of New York writers and other activists organized GLAAD, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, in 1985. They are presently targeting the editor of the Post, pressuring him to hire an openly gay columnist. *The Post* currently has two homophobic columnist writing for the paper. The 12 disbursed chapters across the nation are slowly organizing to create a national organization, GLAAD/USA.

----Washington Blade---

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media watch

by Ben Carlson
OF GLAAD/SFBA

March on Hollywood

Warner Brothers has acquired a screenplay entitled *Sessions* that depicts another lesbian killer. Fortunately there is news that there is internal opposition to the movie. To add external pressure call 213-954-6000.

Time

In the July 1 issue of *Time* magazine an article by William A. Henry III entitled, "Tying the Boy Scouts in Knots.", the article focuses on the efforts of gay, atheists, agnostics and women to overcome their exclusion from the Boy Scouts of America, while William Henry III supports their exclusion. The article implies that gays are more likely then heterosexuals to molest children, while studies show that the converse is true.

Contact Time, Time and Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020, fax 212-522-0601.

Denver Post

In the June 9th edition of the *Denver Post* an article in the Lively Arts section entitled "Gays achieving mainstream "normalcy" in TV portrayals. A balanced article explaining the harm in stereotypes, the history of stereotypes, and the ignorant optimism about their dissolving of stereotypes. His closing comments supported respecting gays and lesbians.

Write to the Denver Post at P.O. Box 1709, Denver, Co 80201.

Reparative Therapy of the Male Homosexual

Reparative Therapy of the Male Homosexual by Joseph Nicolosi, perpetuates the myth that gays are sick but "curable". According to the author of the book, gay males can gradually assume his natural heterosexual status through therapeutic measure.

The author also writes in the Traditional Values Coalition newsletter.

Contact the publisher: Jason Aronson, Inc., 230 Livingston St., Northvale, NJ 07647.

Protest defamatory coverage, and notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of the San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) of all defamations. Contact them at 347 Delores St., #312, S.F CA 94110, or call (415) 861-4588.

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▼ HIV news

Condom use triples in 24 months

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Activists are strongly encouraging Bristol-Meyers to speed up their tests on another new anti-viral, D4T, which in early tests on a limited number of people with AIDS (PWA's) is resulting in "substantial improvement." The drug is now entering the large-scale test stage, but ACT-UP protesters want this one to get through the process as fast as possible because of its apparent value.

OUR GOVERNMENT....

The government has nixed plans to survey sexual behavior in teens designed to help fight sexually transmitted diseases (AIDS and others) as well as teenage pregnancies. The government said conservatives had complained that the survey might ask offensive questions.

CONDOM USE IN UNITED STATES ....

Condom sales in this country have remained about the same over the past three years due in large to the efforts of conservative clerics and politicians to keep most planned ads off TV. In other countries, where condoms are widely advertised, their use has tripled in less than 24 months.

GENE LINKED TO AIDS....

A genetic pattern relating to susceptibility to the HIV virus has been discovered in men who have remained healthy at least five years after becoming positive, researchers have discovered. The discovery could not only improve treatment of the disease, but allow physicians to make better predictions about their patients' outcomes. (Would you like to know that you have this special gene?) The researchers emphasized that refinement of this discovery will not explain all of AIDS, or why some people seem to be more likely than others to easily become positive after exposure. The process would relate only to people's outcomes once they've been infected, and may help to explain why only about one-third of all babies born to mothers with AIDS become infected.

CLOGGERS TO DO BENEFITS.....

The wild and rowdy Barbary Coast loggers of San Francisco, who will be in town performing at the State Fair August 16-18 and 24, will do a benefit performance at the MCC Church on Fri. Aug. 16, with proceeds donated by the crowd going to AIDS charities. They will also dance at Faces on the evening of Sunday August 18 for that fantastic western dance crowd. They will "pass the hat" during their performance for Sacramento People with AIDS, with proceeds directed to the AIDS EMERGENCY FUND. And bring all those pennies you've been hoarding to the PAARC "Pennies For Life" booth at the Rainbow Festival to give the EMERGENCY FUND a huge kickoff.

DO YOU KNOW....

About Brother to Brother and Woman to Woman? These two organizations, the brainchild of the Woman's Civic Improvement Club, meet every Monday (the women at 5pm, and the men at 7pm) at 3501 Broadway. Group spokesperson Guy Madison says the men's group meets specific concerns of men of color who are gay and HIV positive; the women's group is open to HIV positive women, gay or straight. A special hotline number is available to offer emotional support to people who can't make the meetings (454-0516). The men's group delivers homemade cookies once every month to all HIV patients at the Med Center.

DOCTOR LOSES JOB...

A New York Physician has the distinction of being the first person forced to resign under new guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control recommending that doctors with HIV inform their patients and refrain from evasive procedures such as delivering babies. The doctor says, at age 39, his career could be ended. He was asked to resign out of consideration for patients of the hospital, and he did so.

LAMBSKIN CONDOMS SEIZED...

Federal agents recently seized more than one million condoms made of sheep gut because their manufacturer, Trojan, had failed to warn users that lambskin condoms are not effective in preventing the spread of HIV virus, herpes, or hepatitis. These diseases cannot pass through rubber condoms when they're properly used, but can get through the "natural" membrane ones, which have much larger pores than the latex ones.▼

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his oversight of the HIV column.

▼ psychic reporter

About "seeing things"...

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
OF MGW STAFF

Don't read this if you're queasy. Another thing, I'm writing this without my research handy so I'll be giving you a general overview of a scientific experiment that's about 7 to 8 years old.

Two men, H. & W., scientists in California, took a cat and put it in a laboratory device so that it couldn't move its head. I think they might have screwed some kind of little bolts in there -- in its skull. Now, kitty couldn't have loved this. This is after they injected its bloodstream with (I think) radioactive dye.

Well, they had cat stare fixedly at a pattern on the wall that looked kind of like the architecture of a spider-web, with its radiating and connecting lines.

You can imagine looking up into a parachute -- how its sewn, lines radiating out from the center, and equidistantly connecting lines interesecting those in a circular pattern.

You get the picture. So did the cat.

After the cat stared at the pattern -- I do't remember how long, they "sacrificed" the cat. Then they sliced up thinly its optic chiasma and laid these slices on a photographic plate. They developed it. The tissue from the cat's optic area made a picture of what it had seen!

Dr. Jule Esienbud, a psychiatrist and renowned parapsychologist, has been a member of the medical branch of the American Society for Psychical Research since the early 40's.

Several years ago he worked with a man named Ted Serious. Ted was a bell-hop in New York City and had the remarkable ability to look into a polaroid camera and make "mind pictures." He could "imprint" the film mentally with something he had seen visually.

This research was later published in a book called *The World of Ted Serious*, which is now being printed again. Serious even did this on electro-magnetic film and laboratory examination of the film showed absolutely no evidence of falsification.

What do the cat and Serious have in common; what can the mind/brain do?

All In The Mind by Dr. Ian wilson another psychiatrist, was published in 1984 and was the most fascinating book I read that year.

I was always fascinated by "stimgmata" ever since I was a little Catholic kid. How could saints recreate the wounds of Christ? Later on I couldn't help but think of P.K. -- psychokinesis, mind over matter. If the mind could *open* wounds in the body, it ought to be *close* wounds in the body. Isn't this "healing." And, I wondered, did you have to be "holy" to experience stigmata, to be healed, to be a healer?

Dr. Wilson had a paranoid schitzophrenic female patient who was a non-Catholic. I guess he was a curious guy. He hypnotized this woman over a three-day period -- hypnotized her into believing that she could manifest stigmata. She did. The "wounds of Christ" opened in her hands and feet and blood flowed from them as well as her tear ducts. (Unfortunately, I believe she remained schitzophrenic.)

Research shows that Chris would have to have had nails in his *wrists*, not in the hands, because the nailed hands would not support the weight of the body. Many people manifesting stigmata got their holes in the wrong places. So now over the centuries, as artists (our image-carriers) mis-depicted the crucifixion of Christ, what was a mistake has become a paranormal tradition.

So, we've got one dead cat who looked at a picture while it was alive and whose freshly sacrificed radioactive tissue developed a photographic image of what it had seen; we've got Ted who, alive, could form on film regular photographic as well do electrol-magnetic images of what he saw; and we've got one certified crazy lady, who remarkably recreated from images in her mind a living physical image of stigmata in her body.

I think our mind/brain is like a big movie studio with all kinds of physical/non-physical, conscious/unconscious productions going on simultaneously.

Eventually, after all the editing, cutting and splicing, what you see is what you get.

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MGW
MOM...GUESS WHAT!
Extra
pull out section

flash and fun stuff

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)

Where is the summer of '91 heading? What is happening with our usual scorcher weather? Have you taken that little get-away yet? Only you can answer most of these questions. And as far as the weather; it must be the volcano! ● Speaking of get-aways, Mr. Flash has not made it to the **Russian River** once this summer. My life is not complete without my annual trek to the redwoods. That's all about to change, however. So guys and mountain men beware; my bathing suit and dancing shoes are packed. ● What a great article in the major law paper, *California Law Business*. The story featured the ten year anniversary of Sacramento's largest all-woman firm. Those in the spotlight were **Rosemary Metrailer** and **Carolyn Langenkamp**. These two women have been avid supporters of MGW as well. Congrats from all of us at the paper. ● The hot **Barbary Coast Cloggers** of San Francisco will be performing at the State Fair August 16-18. Don't miss their performance at **Faces** on Sunday evening, August 18 to benefit **PAARC's AIDS EMERGENCY FUND.** They'll pass the hat during their performance. So please bring some bucks and thanks in advance for your generosity! And thanks from PAARC to all those dancing hunks for performing for AIDS every year after dancing for hours in the heat at the State Fair. ● Former Channel 10 assistant news director **Maria Albin** has been elected to a second term to the National Board of Trustees for the **Academy of Television Arts and Sciences** (Emmys). She'll again represent the San Francisco and Northern California chapters. ● Don'cha just love an opening? On August 17, from 6-9PM, the new **City Central Cafe** will hold its **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** benefit and grand opening. Tickets are $25. Stop by at 1900 Fourth Street at S or call Jerry, Paul or Elizabeth at 443-1900. CCC , by the way, donated a prize for the **Paris Is Burning** benefit opening at the **Tower Theatre,** and that opening was fabulous! From the **french maids** to the curry shrimp to the sold out crowd with no one turned away — **Gerry**, you give good party! ● Astrologer **Charles Miller** was profiled recently in the *Sacramento Bee's It's A Living* section. The lengthy piece dove objectively into many aspects of his craft. It was a fascinating interview. ● You are cordially invited . . . to **Madonna's birthday Party!** It's at **Faces** on August 16, and proceeds go to the **Rainbow Festival.** ● Speaking of **The Rainbow Festival**, that annual celebration returns August 30 - September 1. The tent will go up behind **Faces** and will feature **Bonnie Pointer** (Friday) and **Lois Brofield** (Saturday). The street faire will be all day Sunday. Break out your pride attire and be there. ● In order to support the wonderful **Lambda Community Center, Be Proud Jewelry** will be donating 10% of its revenues from the **Rainbow Festival** booth to the **Lambda Center.** Many of the jewelry pieces feature symbols of the lesbian and gay community. ● So many wonderful places to be! **Joseph's Town And Country** has some hot dates for your black book. August 17 at 8PM, the **Do Cats with Empress Garnet and Emporer Leonard**, and August 20, the **Business Alliance For Networking Gays** (B.A.N.G. — Don't you love it?) at 6PM, and on August 27 at 10:30PM **Hunks** will take it all off in an **All Male Striptease.** ● For all you Moon worshipers: **Leather Daddy and Leather Daddy Boys** will be throwing a Full Moon Party at **The Wreck Room** at 11PM on August 25. ● **Ted Latimer** plays the role of Thomas Bach in the ongoing Agatha Christie play *Towards Zero*. The show runs through September 21 at **Garbeau's Dinner Theatre.** It's quite a change from the peg-legged, one-eyed hunchback he played in *Crucifer of Blood*. ● Belated July birthday wishes to: Sacramento Symphony's **David Granger, Ben Nicholson,** the fabulous **Jim Maxwell,** who coordinated our recent award-winning SF parade float, The indefatigable **Robert Becker,** founder and Executive Director of **Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities** (PAARC) and this city's new **AIDS Emergency Fund.** Many happy returns to all 1 Happy August birthday wishes to **Glenn Olson** and **Michael Luna** ● The birthday report was submitted by Sonya Cox this month. Sonya claims to have the names of 10,000 men in her blue book. All are listed under "G" for "GUYS". ● And speaking of the **AIDS Emergency Fund,** PjAARC is encouraging everyone who hoards **PENNIES** to bring them to the Rainbow Festival. Help kick off this worthwhile program. Bring those jars and win prizes (a 35 mm camera, hair stylings and dinners at Americo's) if you can guess how many pennies are collected. It's all in support of people trying to survive on limited incomes. ● Check out the new **Market Square Deli** at

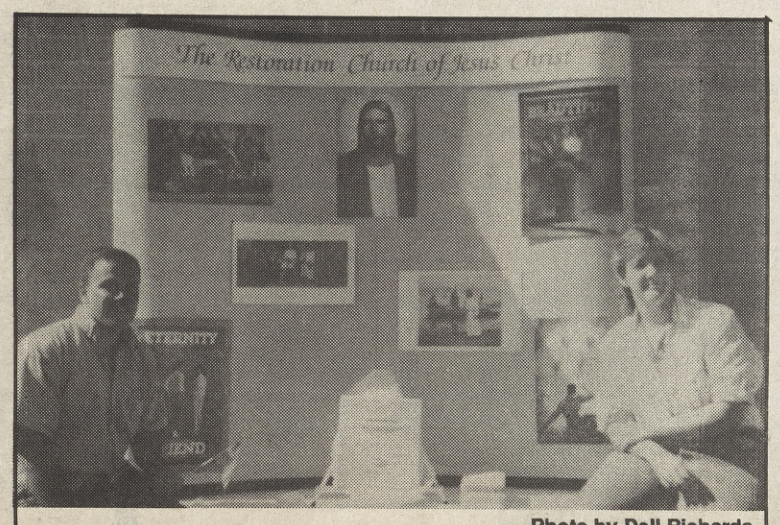

Photo by Dell Richards

Gay Mormons?

Gays founded their own Mormon Church during Salt Lake City's Gay Pride Day 1991

Gays away up north

by Frank D. Treadway
OF MGW STAFF

Hello from Redding and the Cascade Wonderland. In this initial and subsequent reportage, this reporter will dispel the myth that gay life stops at the Sacramento and San Francisco city limits . . . YES, rural as it may seem to some, Redding does have a gay, lesbian and bi culture.

Redding is situated 150 miles north ofSacramento. Interstate 5 slices right through this city of 60,000. The appearance of Mount Lassen to the east and Mount Shasta to the north gives the feeling of a vacation paradise. Redding is the county seat, a bustling community that supports two gay bars. Nightlifers come from three counties surrounding this northstate action center. Redding has had a recognized gay bar since the mid 1950's. The owner for the last six years, Don Perry, has recently moved the bar a few blocks and renamed it THE REX. This name reflects the old brick and steel building's original name and helps oldtimers remember when it was a house of prostitution for the workers, in the 1930's, from nearby Shasta Dam.

THE REX is located at 1244 California Street (with a rear entrance on Center and Division Streets). It is open 7 days a week 7PM to 2AM, with a full bar and a restaurant. The comfy bar, with 14 foot ceiling, pumps out the latest rock beat and plays a variety of music videos. Call 916-243-7869 for Cabaret nights and reserve your favorite stool.

Redding's other bar, CLUB ALPINE, open now for three years, is four miles out of Redding on I-5 and is owned and operated by Anton (Tony) Schwegerl. (Take the Oasis EXIT, turn left to Cascade Blvd. and turn right just past the mini-golf. You will see a two-story A-frame.) CLUB ALPINE is a great getaway from the hustle of the city, conveniently on the way to nearby Lake Shasta. Tony serves a variety of wine and beer 7 days a week, 6PM to 2AM. A spacious dance floor greets guests upon entry. An outdoor patio plays host to frequent productions of talented cross-gender performers from the Barony of Redding. Upstairs are a pool table and cocktail tables. On Monday evenings, gay and lesbian themed movies are shown. Thursdays it's Country Western night, with dancin' lessons given on the spot . . . don those boots and spurs and drop by *CLUB ALPINE. 916-275-4041.* ▼

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Lavender labors

Formed out of need for gay community safety and monitoring in Sacramento, The Lavender Angels took time to assist Chico during their first pride event

Fairie Godfather Fund is big winner at S.L.A. fundraiser

The fairy Godfather Fund became the big winner at Sacramento Leather Association's latest fundraiseing contest, Saturday, August 4, at the Wreck Room. Ten contestants vied for the "coveted title" of Sacramento-Ho, and demonstrated for the crowd what it takes to be a real "Ho!" Together they raised $229, most of which will go to continue the work of Sacramento's Fairy Godfathers with AIDS patients at UCDMC. SLA was reimbursed the $65 it cost to provide each contestant with knee pads so they could get down to the business of fundraising on the ground level. Top money-maker that night was a bartender at the Wreck Room named Wayne Kelly, who was the only one to provide his own heavy-duty knee pads! Second place "Ho" went to Sacramento's first Leather Daddy's Boy, Randy Carlyle, who had the dirtiest knee pads, while third place went to our own past Empress Vanna, who wore her knee pads on her shoulders. The top three winners and the two MC's Ricci Encinas and Mike Kelly, received specially designed "Ho" t-shirts donated by Steve Jasper.

Photo courtesy of S.L.A.

The Sacramento-Ho contest at the Wreck Room recently raised $229 for the Fairy Godfather Fund

The crown roared at come of the hilarious answers to the ridiculous questions each contestant had to answer before being unleashed into the throng. Special entertainment followed with an erotic fantasy on stage called "Black Cat," presented by singer and former Ms. Sacramento Leather, Kim Wallace, her partner and current Ms. Sacramento Leather, Jana Courson, current Mr. Northern California Drummer, Bill Gooch, and former Mr. Sacramento Leather, George Hollcraft.▼

SPIKING IT FOR CHARITY

The Sacramento Area Games Association announced that the Sacramento Volleyball Teams will be hosting a volleyball tournament in conjunction with the Rainbow Festival. At press time, ten teams from the Midwest and West had accepted the invitation. The tournament will take place in both gyms at California State University, Sacramento on August 31 and September 1 from 9 AM to 6 PM.

The event is open to the public, and a $1.00 donation will go to the Rainbow Festival. Come out and support Sacramento's teams, "The Capitals" and "Oh So Butch."

SAGA will also be sponsoring a skate party on October 28 at Kings Skate Country to raise money for SAGA IV. The skating will be from 8:30 - 10:30 PM and will cost $5.oo. For more information on SAGA events, call Keith (455-0986) or Tom (635-1535).▼

Defense for Pee Wee formed

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — David Burke, a well-known real estate broker here, has formed the Pee-wee Herman Defender's Club using the slogan, "Hands Off Our Pee-wee," to counter what he calls "a trial by media" of comic Paul Reubens, the star who portrays the bow-tied, nerdy character on the children's show, "Pee-wee's Playhouse."

At a press conference here Tuesday, July 30, Burke said CBS-TV's decision to cancel reruns of the show were "really unfair" and criticized media attention to the arrest as "a circus." Burke called for a boycott of CBS advertisers and asked Pee-wee supporters to mail bow-ties to the network's New York offices.

"If you're famous in this country," Burke told reporters, "it seems you're definitely guilty until you're proven innocent. I don't think your career should be trashed before you're given any chance."

Reubens was arrested July 26 at a Sarasota, Fla., adult theater and charged with indecent exposure. His publicist, Richard Grant, has denied any basis for the charges or the arrest.▼

Flash

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the **Sacramento Natural Food Coop.** The food is great and you never know who you will meet. ● In order to improve my dating possibilities, I'm considering a personal 800 number. All the long distance phone companies are offering them now. What do you think? Would it make a difference? And compared to those steamy phone services, it might be less expensive. Maybe I could call it 1-800-GET-A-DATE! ● Summer's moving on, and warm balmy nights are getting more rare. Catch them at one of our many outdoor cafes. Until next time ..... John. ▼

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MGW NEWSPAPER: A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Court reporter.....

by Billie Jean Jones
OF MGW STAFF

The Court of the Lion and Red Rose, Empress XVIII Lady Garnet and Emperor XVIII Leonard Harris, are pleased to present the following on behalf of CGNIE, Inc., as reported by this very own Imperial Andrrogyne:

May: That faahhbuublouss Diamond Solitaire, Empress XVII Vannah Woolsey What gayly passed the gavel and this Court took over with a burst of fundraising projects including Free Monday Night Movies at Faces; a proposed Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest; a Closet Ball; and a few more ideas to be considered. The Monarchs reported that $1,337.69 was raised during their campaign, and that the entire amount had been disbursed on election day.

June: The Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest and Barn Dance Celebration fundraiser was accepted and implemented; the Closet Ball was put into the planning stage; a proposal for a regular bingo Night at Faces was rejected due to ABC regulations; the Empress committed to standing in the hot sun all day at the Lambda Freedom Fair selling snacks and drink tickets (which she did, but in flats), and the Emperor committed himself to the dunking booth and goldfish dime toss for same -- all proceeds to Lambda. Final plans for Ducal Ball 91 were presented by Grand Duchess Racine, and accepted.

July: Presentation of checks totalling $3,000 were made to Hope House ($1,000), Lambda Community Center ($500), SAGA ($500), SAF ($500), and WEAVE ($500). A financial statement was released showing an additional $2,271.68 had been raised subsequent to the election campaign (through June 17) -- less $515 in expenses related to the fund raising, less $493.50 to Lambda and the Parade Fund, with $1,263.18 to the General Fund. The Board of Directors reported that the remaining balance in the General Fund was $484.66 (a portion of the $3,000., was from previous Imperial Reigns).

Now onto the fun!

Ducal Ball 91: The campaigns for the new Grand Duck & Duchess will kickoff at the Mercantile Thursday, July 25 at 7pm, free. Come out and meet the candidates and find out what causes they will be supporting, and where their individual campaign shows/fundraisers will be held. Voting will be Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Lambda Center between 11am & 8pm (any resident, age 18 or older of Northern Calif. may vote). The In Town Show will be held at The Townhouse, Friday, Aug. 23 at 9pm, free. The Ducal Ball, An Evening of Fantasy & Illusion, thematically titled "Spirits In The Night" will be held at the Tuesday Club, 2722 L St. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7pm, $15 per person (doors open at 6pm). This is a masked (optional) ball and tickets may be purchased at the door, or during Hospitality (open to the public) at the Clarion Hotel (16th & H) between the hours of 11am-4pm, or by calling Racine, Grand Duchess XI (The Bitch with the Ruby Red Slippers) at 441-6820, or Gene, Grand Duke XI (the Emerald Wizard) at 483-0441. A Victory Brunch will be held at the Clarion Hotel's Terrace Room, 11am on Sunday, Aug. 25, $10 per person. Quoth Racine: "I'm glad I stuck with it and fulfilled my obligation to raise money for many different organizations within the community -- it's time to Party!"

Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest: The Court is currently conducting a benefit contest for the titles of: Miss Gay Cowgirl; Mr. Gay Cowboy: Ms. Gay Cowgirl. The contestant who collects the most money in each category will be honored at a Barn Dance Celebration at Joseph's Town & Country on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8pm, $3 donation. All proceeds from the contest will be equally divided and presented to CARES, The Fairy Godfather Fund, and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Contestants are currently making the rounds with OFFICIAL sealed buckets, emblazoned with the Court's logo. Please donate to these worthy causes. Persons interested in being a contestant can call 444-0108 to register and participate.▼

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Adding a new dimension to men's surgery with fat

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

MIAMI — Plastic surgeon Dr. Ricardo Samitier has generated a good deal of ... ahem ... excitement among men who think that bigger is better by developing a new cosmetic surgical procedure that, for between $1,500 and $2,500, can add inches to the circumference of a man's penis.

Medically, Samitier calls the procedure Circumferential Autologus Penile Engorgement (CAPE), but less formally it's being called "designer dick" because of Samitier's ability to mold a man's penis in virtually any shape he wants -except making it longer. "This is to add girth. I can't do anything about length," Samitier said recently.

Using the standard cosmetic surgical technique of lipo-transplant, Samitier removes about 100 cubic centimeters of fat elsewhere from the patient's body and reinjects it into the penis. The fat is molded to shape, the needle puncture is sewn shut, and it's done. Only a local anesthetic and a mild general relaxant, such a Valium, is required to perform the 20-minute operation.

Since performing the first three operations over the past year, Samitier has been flooded with calls from men asking about the operation. He says infection is the only real danger in the procedure and that none of the patients so far have suffered any problems.

Samitier said men are interested in the operation for the same reason women have breast augmentations - to look bigger.

"The first patient told me he wanted a bulge in his pants. He told me, `When I wear my bathing suit, I want something to show,'" Samitier said.

Samitier acknowledged that some doctors may be skeptical of the operation, but said that doesn't bother him. It just means another way of overcoming "nature's defects" he said.

Acclaimed as a master of facial cosmetic surgeon, Samitier is popularly know in Miami medical circles as "Dr. Lips."

"Now they'll just be calling me Dr. ... something else," Samitier said. ▼

HETS offering dicks for sale

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — In an odd blend of animal cruelty and not very thinly disguised sexual perversity, the current issue of "The Sportsman's Guide" catalog is offering canes, walking sticks and even a golf putter made from the penises of bulls.

Amid ads for steel ammo cases, camouflage hunting gear and rifles, knives, pistols and crossbows of varying deadliness, "The Sportsman's Guide" is also offering the canes, sticks and putters "made from the reproductive organ from full-grown bulls by professional `Shaftologists.' According to the ad, the curiosity pieces are "permanently preserved and sealed with a high-gloss polyurethane finish" and are recommended as gifts for "that special someone."

Each measuring approximately three feet in length, the putter comes complete with a brass putting head, while the cane and walking stick each have cushioned handles and brass tips.

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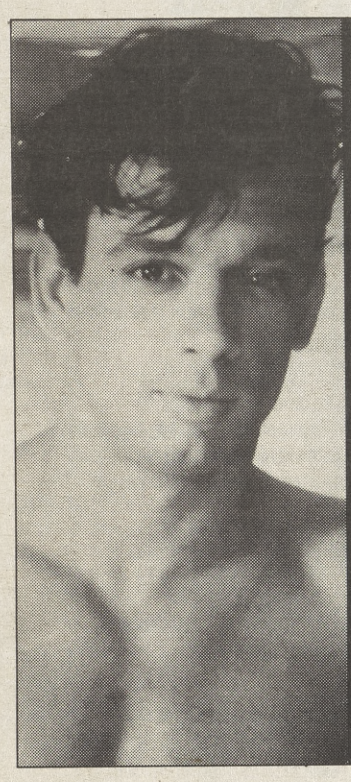
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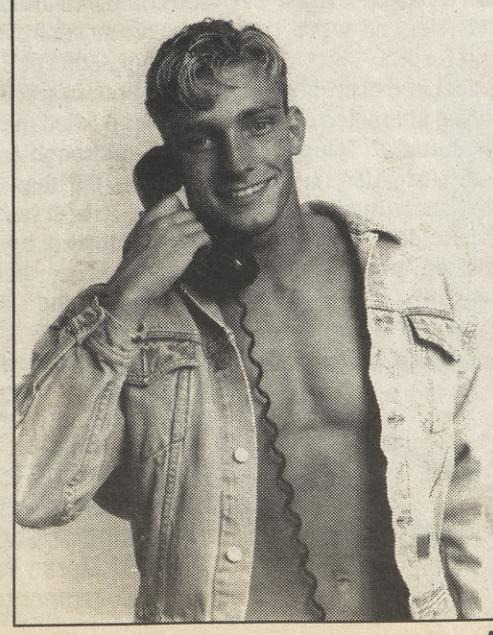
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Love Bites to go to court

Boston-base publisher Sasha Alyson has announced that he will fight in court to prevent the U.S. Customs Service from destroying a new lesbian photo book.

The book in dispute, titled *Love Bites* consists of photographs by American-born photographer Della Grace. "It's a lesbian photo album," said Alyson. "The sixty images range from gay pride marches to women holding hands. Three or four photos suggest sexual activity, but don't really show it. Under no interpretation of the law is *Love Bites* obscene. The Customs Service wants to make lesbian lives invisible, and we're not going to stand for it."

Love Bites was declared obscene on June 4, as Alyson attempted to import it into the country. "Customs asked us to surrender our rights to the book, and allow it to be destroyed. I was told that granting such permission would be considered a 'mitigating factor' if the government decided to further prosecute against us. I refused, and we intend to fight them."

Alyson compared the *Love Bites* case to the recent controversy over Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs. "In both cases, a talented photographer pushed the limits of convention - although *Love Bites* is far less explicit than Mapplethorpe's work. In both cases, people who were bothered by the gay content tried to hide their homophobia behind the obscenity laws."▼

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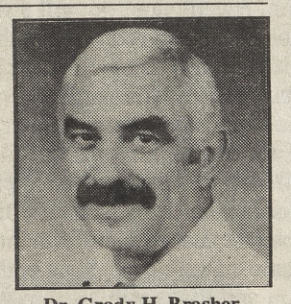

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Jennie and Willi talk:

A candid look at "Paris is Burning"

by Michael Gorman
Associate Editor

San Francisco, Wednesday, August 7, 10:15am

Jennie Livingston was on the phone to her publicist, trying to work out frenetic details of her whirlwind media tour to announce the opening of her much-acclaimed documentary "Paris is Burning." She is a small woman with wildly curly blonde-brown hair, but even a first meeting shows her to be a woman of force and stature beyond the smallness of her frame. She is obviously more at ease talking about her art than planning schedules, yet she lamented, "I've had no time to write. I want to do what I do. I have a new script I've started, a John-Waters type thing about how violence against women is presented in the media."

With a deep breath and a smile, she turned the conversation to the subject of the interview, "Paris Is Burning." Complimented on the lack of an artificial pseudo-British narrator's voice dictating to the audience of her film, Livingston laughed, "They added one to the British version. They opened it with Madonna's song 'Vogue,' and then the voice said something like, 'And now you will learn where Madonna found this form of dance.'"

That source of voguing, the gay Balls in New York, involves a great deal of cross-dressing. Asked if her film perpetuates negative stereotypes of all gays wanting to dress as women, Livingston responded with her characteristic intensity, "It exists. Just wanting people to go away is not a viable response. Movies bring us new things. The film is about a subculture reflecting the culture at large. You are bombarded with a sense of how the world is responding to divisive issues: sexism, homophobia, racism, classicism. Drag queens are wonderful. It's not just a response; it's a way of being."

Livingston lamented the gay community's tendency to pick at other gays (such as the drag queens) with, "People like George Bush are saying, 'Great, as long as they're fighting each other, we don't have to worry about them."

Livingston does not see Paris is Burning as a particularly difficult film for general audiences. "If it's good art, people will see it. If the studio heads had better imaginations, people would be surprised at what straight audiences are willing to see."

Photo courtesy of Landmark

Voguing, reading and shading are all arts discussed in the documentary about Harlem's gay balls, "PARIS IS BURNING"

Asked about the personal surprises the film presented to her, Livingston said, "That I was queer. I had to face who I was, but with glee. Being both a sexual and political lesbian is great. I can be both of those. I got to meet Susie Bright (of On Our Backs Magazine), I've never been so nervous in my life. It was great."

Nervousness was not Willi Ninja's reaction when he first met Jennie Livingston. Willi was the "mother" of the "House of Ninja" before he was forced to disband the house as his dancing and music career took off, because, "No one wants a part-time mother." Of his meeting with Livingston, Ninja said, "I thought she was kind of cute, in a goofy sort of way. I thought, let me get to know her to find out if she's the nice person she seems. We talked and hit it off. Then she tailgated me for two years."

Asked how he is handling the fame and fortune since the film, Ninja said smiling, "I like it." Yet he speaks with some regret in his voice about having to leave his house. "If I saw something in you, I'd put you out there. I took some of the misfits no one else wanted. We were very career-oriented: school, no drugs."

Willi described the gay Balls, the subject of "Paris is Burning," as "an alternative to let out energies and jealousies. Let some one have it - on the floor. What's a fight gonna do? Both of you get fucked up."

Asked about the film's content possibly being difficult for white middle-to-upper income gays, Ninja replied, "We're here. We're a part of gay life like everybody else. If you like our characters maybe you can accept us more. There's so much separation, even in the gay life - like ethnic seperation. You're

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Rainbow Festival pennies kick off AIDS emergency fund for PWAs

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Performiong Artists for AIDS-Related Charities, better known as PAARC, under the direction of local AIDS fundraiser Robert Becker, for the past three years has donated to local charities thousand of dollars raised through variety shows, Christmas events, photo sessions with "Ms. Claws" during the winter season, hamburger booths, and numerous other events. PAARC is staffed entirely by volunteers. The 1991 show, "Some People's Lives," is scheduled for September 19-21.

PAARC recently announced the creation of the AIDS EMERGENCY FUND to offer direct emergency assistance to Sacramentans on disability or other subsidy programs as a result of AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex.

The Fund will provide a variety ofervices, including ideas on how to utilize money-saving and discounted services throughout the city that are not well advertised, a limited amount of clothing donated to PAARC by the families of PWAs lost to this disease, and direct financial suppport on an emergency basis. The fund will be opened to use as soon as several thousand dollars has been raised, and Becker reports that PAARC's first steps to making this happen are underway.

"Randy Gray has undertaken the enormous job of coordinating the PENNIES FOR LIFE PROJECT, which could turn out to be one of the chief means of raising money for the Emergency Fund," says Becker. "A kickoff for this event will take place at the Rainbow Festival. We're asking everyone in Sacramento who reads about this pennies project who has pennies stashed away at home to bring them to the Rainbow Festival for our PWAs."

"And we're asking these people over the coming years to keep bringing us those pennies," says Gray. "With the growing epidemic, and more and more people staying healthy for years longer but unable to work enough to support themselves, we've got a new crisis on our hands in this city," he says. "The Emergency Fund over the coming years will need a continuing and growing source of financing to meet even the minimal needs of these people, and I'm looking now for a group of volunteers to work with me to get these penny jars out to local businesses in the community. We think Pennies is an untapped resouce, and we're really excited about the response so far. I can't wait to see how many pennies we get at the Rainbow Festival!"

Becker says other volunteers throughout the city have begun to pitch in to create other projects for the Emergency Fund. Frances Wright, who spearheads the "Mother's Support Group" at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, has undertaken an outreach program aimed at bringing information about the AIDS Emergency Fund to local rotary clubs.

"We're also looking for volunteers to help us work with the retirement community. These folks are a tremendous untapped resource with hard-earned knowledge and talents that aren't being used. Bake sales and quilting bees are just a few of the projects we hope to see from this group, as well as from the deaf community," says Becker.

"We're very interested in reaching out to the deaf community," says Becker. There are many deaf people with AIDS in Sacramento who aren't getting the information they need, and who have talents to offer our fundraising efforts. We're seeking volunteers from the deaf community now to coordinate these programs."

And this year's 4th Annual Show is underway. Unlike variety shows of the past, this year's is a musical drama about how the lives of families and friends of people with HIV have been affected by the epidemic. Tickets are available at Lioness Books, Sacramento Community Center box office, and at the door on the nights of the show. "Some People's Lives" will be shown Thursday through Saturday nights, September 19 - 21, at the North Sacramento School District Auditorium. The proceeds of this year's shows will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

"All of this will work only with the help of Sacramentans who care. And as we reach out more and more to people, we find that more and more want to do something," says Becker. If you get the urge to do something," he says, "just call PAARC's new phone number -- 863-2518 Voicemail # X-AIDS. If you have only an hour or two a month, or a penny or two to donate, we need you and thank you enormously for your contribution. And we guarantee that you'll feel a rush like you've never felt before." ▼

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Monsieur Butterfly

by Michael Gorman
Associate Editor

A serious theatre reviewer carefully avoids the overuse of superlatives - words like magnificent, brilliant, extraordinary, glorious, majestic, incomparable, sublime - lest the review read more like the ravings of a groupie than the incisive comment of a knowledgeable critic. Unfortunately, it is impossible to critique David Henry Hwang's play M. Butterfly without the use of superlatives. It is, quite honestly, magnificent, brilliant, extraordinary, glorious, majestic, incomparable, sublime.

Hwang is a masterful craftsman and poet who deftly combines multidimensional characters, flawlessly structured plot and painfully believable psychology with the magical theatricality that is the strength of live theatre.

M. Butterfly examines the mind and fate of a French diplomat, Rene Gallimard, who falls in love with a Chinese opera star named Song Liling. Through their twenty year relationship Gallimard passes government secrets to the Chinese through his fantasy woman of the East. When they are finally caught, Gallimard discovers that his lover is actually a man. His inability to cope with the relationship becomes his final tragedy.

Giacomo Puccini opera about the submissive Eastern woman who sacrifices all for her love of the Western devil. The final scene in which myth and reality clash for the final time and lead to a powerful reversal, ranks easily with any of the great dramatic moments in theatre. Terrifying. Beautiful. Magic.

Phillip Anglim, who plays Gallimard, is a versatile actor who skillfully navigates the wide range of emotions and ages demanded by the role. A. Mapa (Song Liling) accomplishes with seeming ease a personification of yin and yang - he is man, woman, villian, lover, myth and reality - a collection of contrasts which would daunt a less masterful actor. The supporting cast is a rich background, pushing the limits of theatricality without losing believability.

Eriko Ishioka's sets and costumes too suggest the contrasts of the script: western suits juxtaposed against flamboyant Chinese opera costumes, simple square screens positioned below a dramatically sweeping ramp. Andy Phillips and Bryan Nelson's lighting and Peter Fitzgerald's sound also are studies in contrast woven into a coherent whole. Jamie H.J. Guan's choreography is dazzling. Hair designer Phyllis Della (who also works with Lily Tomlin and Cher) continues to show herself a world-class artist.

Phillip Anglim and A. Mapa star in M. Butterfly. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary Street, San Francisco - Through Sept. 1. (415) 762-BASS

Photo by Joan Marcus

Like the great playwrights before him, Hwang does not tell a simple story. The plot is layered as thickly yet delicately as a well-made croissant. Gallimard's simplistic view if the East reflects the simplistic view of the Western world which contributed to debacles like Vietnam. His fantasy love is at one time a heterosexual wish-fulfillment and a homosexual closet. Song both uses him and loves him as no one ever has. Gallimard knows but he doesn't know. Man, woman, fantasy, reality, East, West, gay, straight, personal, political - all intricately interwoven then overlayed with the story of Madame Butterfly, the

Other critics have pegged David Henry Hwang as the next great American playwright. Given one or two more plays the stature of M. Butterfly, this reviewer has no doubt that the name David Hwang will one day be frequently mentioned in the same sentence with Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams. His current play is an experience not to be missed.

M. Butterfly will be playing at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco only through September 1. Tickets are available through all BASS/TM Ticket Centers. To charge by phone, call (415) 762-BASS. For groups of 20 or more, call (415) 441-0919. ▼

Of theatrical note and interest

by Lou Camera
OF MGW STAFF

There are a number of outstanding theatre productions in the Sacramento area in which readers might be interested. In future issues, MGW will attempt to provide information on upcoming shows and auditions open to the public. Theatre companies are urged to submit materials which may be of interest.

If you haven't gotten to Music Circus' production of La Cage aux Folles yet do so before the final curtain rises on Sunday. Based on the French play by Jean Poiret, Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein's musical is a must see for everyone. The music is uplifting and the lyrics a source of pride for all lesbians and gay men. Members of the Broadway cast, as Fierstein would say, add the "helium that fills our beautiful bejewelled balloon and makes it soar." For tickets: 441-3163.

The Marriage of Figaro by Wolfgang Mozart will be presented by Pioneere Pocket Opera on August 16 and 17, 8 p.m. at Hiram Johnson High School, 6879 14th Avenue. General admission is $10. The opera will be sung in English. For tickets: 454-6339 or 457-4563.

The Show Below has two presentations going on tis weekend: Bleacher Bums at their theatre at 22nd and L Streets, and For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide\When the Rainbow is Enuf by Ntozake Shange at Sierra II Theatre at 2791 24th Street. Bleacher Bums runs August 15 through 17 and tickets are $9 Thursday and $12 Friday and Saturday. With this production, The Show Below will no longer accept teBephone reservations. For information: 446-2787. For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide\When the Rainbow is Enuf poetically weaves the painful experiences of seven black women into a tale of gut-wrenching, emotional confessions. Through sharing these experiences, the women seek to come to terms with themselves, in order to cleanse and soothe their souls. For Colored Girls . . . will be performed August 15-18 and August 22-24. Remember this is at Sierra II rather than the usual venue. Tickets are $15 and can ber ordered by calling 446-3024.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre closes the current season with their annual Agatha Christie murder-mystery. This year's production is towards Zero, adapted by Christie and Gerald Verner. Based upon her book by the same title, Christie says murder is the end of the story, not the beginning, The real story begins long before, with all causes and events that bring people to a certain place on a certain day at a certain time. All sorts of people converging towards a given spot and hour -- moving inevitably towards zero. Theatre tickets range from $12.50 to $18.50 and dinners range from $9.95 to $24.95. Reservations are highly recommended, as the annual Agatha Christie murder-mystery presentations often sell out early. Towards Zero closes September 21st. Garbeau's Dinner Theatre is located in the historic Nimbus Winery, Highway 50 at Hazel Avenue, Rancho Cordova. 985-6361.

From the electricity of "New York, New York" in On The Town, to the exhilaration of "I'm Flying" from Peter Pan, to the brilliance of dancing from West Side Story, Jerome Robbins' Broadway, winner of six 1989 Tony Awards including Best Musical, offers theatregoers a sensational evening of showstopping singing and dancing. Jerome Robbins' Broadway, a tribute to productions either conceived, choreolgraphed, or directed by Mr. Robbins, transports audiences back to the Golden Age of Broadway. The all-dancing, all-singing production is currently playing at the Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor Street, San Francisco as part of a limited engagement through September 8th. The tickets range from $22 to $45 and are available at all BASS\TM Ticket Centers. ▼

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▼ AIDS update

Doctor with AIDS sues FBI for disiscrimination

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a lower court ruling and agreed that an openly gay physician with AIDS can in fact sue the FBI for discrimination because the agency stopped using his services after it learned of his illness. The Wednesday, July 31, ruling is considered important because it extends legal protection to millions of disabled Americans, including those with AIDS and HIV infections, from bias by the federal government itself. Attorneys for the physician, known in court records only as Dr. John Doe, say it is the highest federal court ruling in the country to extend such protections under the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

"It gives all disabled Americans a legal redress if any program of the federal government discriminates against them," said JoAnne Frankfurt, an attorney with the Employment Law Center here.

The doctor, who is seriously ill and never expects to practice medicine again, ran a clinic here under contract with the FBI to give routine physical examinations to all the federal law enforcement agency's agents and applicants.

But in 1988, the FBI was informed anonymously that Dr. Doe had AIDS. Richard Held, the FBI's special agent in charge here, questioned Doe and hospital officials where his clinic was located about his health status but was told only that Doe followed federal standards set up by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and posed no risk to his patients.

Nevertheless, the FBI then abruptly stopped sending agents and applicants to Doe for examinations.

Doe sued under the Rehabilitation Act which makes it unlawful for the federal government to discriminate against disable people who are otherwise qualified.

But Justice Department attorneys argued that the FBI acted reasonably in diverting agents away from Doe and that Doe, who was a contractor with the federal government and not an employee, had no right to sue.

In 1989 U.S. District Court here agreed with the government and tossed Doe's case out. The appeals court, however, overturned that decision, maintaining that it was clear that Congress intended the Rehabilitation Act to cover not just federal employees but also private citizens.

The appeals court sent the case back to U.S. District Court for a rehearing on whether the FBI discriminated against Doe because of his illness. ▼

Man arrested under felony HIV disclosure law

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — A Michigan gay man, Jeff Hanlon, is being held in the Duchess County, N.Y., jail on $50,000 bond awaiting a decision on his extradition to Grand Rapids on charges that he broke a 1988 Michigan law that makes it a felony for individuals who are HIV-positive to knowingly have sex with another person without informing the person in advance. He is the first person to be charged under the three-year-old Michigan statute.

A 21-year-old Grand Rapids man, whose identity police are refusing to disclose filed the complaint earlier this year, and Hanlon was arrested on June 25 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Hanlon, who has been unable to post the bond, remains in the county jail while a decision is made on the Michigan extradition request.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is reportedly reluctant to approve the extradition request since New York State has no comparable HIV disclosure law and Hanlon would not be considered a criminal in that state.

The unidentified complainant, who told police he and Hanlon had had sex between July and November of last year and that Hanlon had not told him at the time of his HIV status, has since told reporters that he now regrets having filed the charges. But Kent County (Mich.) prosecutor Michael Riley has continued to press for Hanlon's extradition and has told the young man that if he does drop the charges he himself will be subject to charges of false arrest.

Under the Michigan HIV disclosure law, Hanlon can be sentenced up to four years in prison. ▼

▼ farewells

Scott Lago

San Francisco - Scott Lago, one of the original members of the Names Project, died Tuesday (8-6-91) from complications stemming from AIDS.

Mr. Lago, 31, organized the first two tours of the AIDS quilt in 1987. It has subsequently been shown in 20 U.S. cities and 10 Canadian cities. The quilt, which was the size of three football fields in 1988, is made up of individual squares that honor people who have died of AIDS-related illnesses.

"He leaves a really large void here with the project and around the country," said project spokesman and playwright David Lemos. "It's as if part of our legacy is gone."

Mr. Lago was diagnosed with the disease about a year and a half ago.

Originally from Georgia, Mr. Lago moved to San Francisco in 1985 and joined the Names Project as a volunteer in 1987, according to Sue Baelen, a friend and former colleague at the Names Project.

Mr. Lago also organized the display at the United Nations for the first World AIDS Day in 1988. Since 1987, Mr. Lago had organized the displays at Grace Cathedral for the annual Day of Remembrance in honor of those who have died.

Mr. Lago graduated from the University of Georgia in 1981 with a degree in broadcast journalism. He worked in news media in Georgia until his move to San Francisco.

--The Sacramento Bee

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▼ book reviews, etc...

Literary awards presented

More than 400 people turned out to witness the Third Annual Lambda Literary Awards. The "Lammys," recognizing excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing, were presented at a gala banquet at the American Booksellers Association Convention.

Award presenters included George Slowik, Jr., publisher of *Publishers Weekly*, Congressman Barney Frank, bestselling lesbian author Katherine Forrest, and Joan Nestle, writer and founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives. Author James Purdy addressed the crowd as winner of the Third Annual Bill Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement in Gay and Lesbian Publishing and Writing.

The winners were Allen Barnett for *The Body and Its Dangers* (St. Martin's Press) and Cherry Muhanji for *Her* (Aunt Lute Foundation), receiving Ferro-Grumley Awards, as well as Lammys for Gay Men's and Lesbian Fiction, respectively.

1991 Lambda Literary Awards Winners

Gay Men's Small Press Book Award: ***Daddy's Rommate*** by Michael Willhoite (Alyson Publications)

Lesbian Small Press Book Award: (tie) ***Different Mothers*** edited by Louise Rafkin (Cleis Press), ***Making Face/Making Soul*** by Gloria Anzaldua (Aunt Lute Foundation)

Lesbian Debut Award: ***Her*** by Cherry Muhanji (Aunt Lute Foundation)

Gay Men's Debut Award: ***Body and It's Dangers*** by Allen Barnett (St. Martin's Press)

AIDS: ***The Way We Live Now*** edited by Elizabeth Osbourn (Theater Communications Group)

Gay Men's Poetry: ***Decade Dance*** by Michael Lassell (Alyson Publications)

Lesbian Poetry: ***Going Back to the River*** by Marilyn Hacker (Random House)

Gay Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy: (tie) ***Magic's Price*** by Mercedes Lackey (DAW), ***Secret Matter*** by Toby Johnson (Lavender Press)

Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy: ***Gossamer Axe*** by Gael Baudino (ROC)

Gay Men's Mystery: ***Howtown*** by Michael Nava (HarperCollins)

Lesbian Mystery : (tie) ***Gaudi Afternoon*** *by Barbara Wilson* (Seal Press), ***Ninth Life*** by Lauren Wright Douglas (Naiad Press)

Lesbian and Gay Humor: ***New, Improved Dykes to Watch Out For*** by Alison Bechdel (Firebrand)

Lesbian Nonfiction: ***The Safe Sea of Women*** by Bonnie Zimmerman (Beacon Press)

Gay Men's Nonfiction: ***Coming Out Under Fire*** by Allan Berube (Free Press)

Gay Men's Anthologies: ***Men on Men 3*** edited by George Stambolian (Plume)

Lesbian Anthologies: ***Women on Women*** edited by Joan Nestle and Naomi Holoch (Plume)

Gay Men's Fiction: ***Body and Its Dangers*** by Allen Barnett (St. Martin's Press)

Lesbian Fiction: ***Out of Time*** by Paula Martinac (Seal Press)

Publisher's Service Award: ***James White Review*** edited by Phil Willkie and Greg Baysans

Editor's Choice Award: ***Encyclopedia of Homosexuality*** edited by Wayne Dynes (Garland)

Ferro-Grumley Award Winners - Lesbian Fiction: ***Her*** by Cherry Muhanji (Aunt Lute Foundation), *Gay Men's Fiction:* ***Body and Its Dangers*** by Allen Barnett (St. Martin's Press)

Bill Whitehead Lifetime Achievement Award: James Purdy

Gregory Kolovakos Award for AIDS Writing: - Poetry: ***The Healing Notebooks*** by Kenny Frieds (Open Books)

Visual-Oriented Work: ***Tongues of Flame*** by David Wojnarowicz ▼

Poolside reading for peripatetic pervs

reviewed by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

Are You Two ... Together? A Gay and Lesbian Travel Guide to Europe, *by Lindsy Van Gelder and Pamela Robin Brandt, Random House, 346 pages.*

Are You Two... Together?
A Gay and Lesbian Travel Guide to Europe
BY LINDSY VAN GELDER & PAMELA ROBIN BRANDT
BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION MIT LUFTPOST

What's more colorful than a seven-layered Pousse Cafe, requires the same dexterity, connoisseurship and elan to assemble, intoxicates with a comparable gay insouciance, lingers with an assertiveness and aplomb that leaves one thirsty for more, and stands similarly alone in its genre? The answer is the new travel book from the well-heeled couple Van Gelder and Brandt, the very first gay guide to be brought out by a major American publishing house. Even if you never set foot out of your country club, you will want this guide for your library because of its thoroughly researched and beautifully served gay culture and history. If you are lucky enough to spend, say, a month in Europe, you will certainly arrive informed, appreciative and focused on what is really worthwhile. With such an ambitious scope the authors have achieved a work that will stand for many years and not just for "alternative lifestyles" audiences. It is rich, sophisticated and bawdy -- a self-portrait of American gay taste in the 90s.

Still it is a very personal documenting of 14 destinations and the acquaintances made along the way seen through the eyes of these two very hip lesbians. The omissions are also fascinating and hopefully will be taken up in later volumes. One can imagine their illuminating and searching gaze turned on the rest of the world (provided there is enough gay life going on in a particular place to attract travelers) and why not also the United States while they're at it. Now that nude dancing is under siege in some states there is going to be a need for an update. And who has really given Sacramento its due?

The most delightful aspect of the book is the authors' lively style. There were at least 70 neologisms, fad words or hyphenated compounds in the first half of the book that must have been a challenge for the editors. A sampling of the most brilliant:

* *dildos-and-Delft*
* *born-again jack-off party host*
* *yuppie-couch-potatoes-in-mountaineer-gear*
* *Noel-Cowarding*
* *advanced testosterone poisoning*

Britain is a major, walk-in, vanity-table-with-Hollywood-lights-and-more-shoes-than-Imelda closet.

The service oriented information is thoughtful, varied, and very instructive as to customs and vocabulary. At the end of each chapter is a recommended reading list that is a good indication of their far-ranging tastes and erudition. Congratulations to Random House for going strictly first-class! ▼

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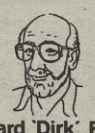

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Starting your own support group

What are support groups?

They are self-help groups in which people with common concerns and problems can get together and share support, information, and resources so they can cope more effectively with these obstacles. Society constantly changes, yet our need for stability and support remains constant.

The realization that "you are not alone"- other people have actually felt the same way you do - can be very helpful in developing your self-identity. Adjusting to certain problems requires empathy rather than sympathy; emotional support and practical help are very important. Self-help groups provide encouragement and lead to exchange of ideas on ways to handle problems.

Self-help groups provide a safe place where people can develop self-confidence and self-esteem by giving members a sense of empowerment. By interacting with people who share the same problems, they reduce members' sense of isolation. They provide an opportunity to release emotions and reinforce positive coping behaviors.

What self-help groups are not:

They do not replace vital conventional services such as doctors and therapists. They cannot solve all of your problems or all of society's problems, but they can cover those areas that go beyond the bounds of "formal" care. Basically, group members must learn to recognize problems they cannot handle and refer members to proper professional sources for help.

Why start a self-help group?

Research has demonstrated that a link exists between participation in self-help groups and improved quality of life. There is generally minimal or no cost, no forms, and no waiting lists.

Civil, gay, and women's movements of the 60's and 70's made it easier for people to express their problems. This questioning of authority has lead people to wonder if doctors have all the answers and made it easier for them to rely more upon themselves and their peers.

Television and other media have made it easier to talk about problems that have until now not been openly discussed. It is also easier to talk with someone who has experienced the same problems, as opposed to a completely impartial observer.

Self-help groups can assist members in a variety of ways such as coping with stressful events or transitions such as coming out.

Steps to organizing a self-help group:

1) Community Assessment: Determine what groups already exist in your community and what areas of need these groups do not meet. Try to avoid overlap.

2) Recruit interested people and hold a meeting to determine what structure will best meet the needs of the group. Also determine the specific purpose of the group and who will be able to join.

3) Conduct outreach into your community. Try advertisements, flyers, and announcements on local radio and television stations. You want to try to reach as many people as possible who would benefit from this group.

4) The specific role of self-help groups is to rely on the strengths of each member. Since members must proceed at their own pace, the group must be particularly sensitive to those who stumble.

5) Group leaders need to be aware of many important things; sometimes a technical advisor or outside professional might be helpful.

The following should be taken into account:

- Participation - is everyone participating to their fullest, or are some members monopolizing group time?
- Communication - does everyone understand what is going on, and does everyone express themselves as clearly and as freely as possible?
- Atmosphere - is the group working well together as a team; is it friendly and informal?
- Setting goals - have goals been set that adequately meet as many needs as possible; are they realistic?
- Reaching goals - is the group moving as a cohesive unit toward achieving these goals; can goals be adjusted as group needs change?
- Evaluation - who evaluates the groups' performance; is this evaluation given and taken constructively?

Professional assistance:

Certain professionals are faced daily with their clients needs and problems and are thus better able to determine what specific benefits a group can provide.

Professionals can act as consultants or group leaders until members are able to run the group on their own. They can be guest speakers or trainers and help with problem solving. They can also provide material support such as rooms for meetings or mailing and copying supplies.

Conclusion:

To have a successful self-help group, leadership must be shared; structure should not be hierarchical. While it will never meet the complete needs of each member, each group should try to do as much as possible for all members. Members must realize that nothing happens overnight; but change can and will come with time. Groups must be constantly replenished with new thoughts, ideas, and people or they will stagnate.

When a successful self-help group is established the benefits are amazing! These include: developing networks; filling time by doing something; helping others; feeling important; finding self-identity; learning how to deal with problems and meet your own needs; developing coping strategies; getting feedback ... basically the list is endless.▼

The stages of gay relationships

reviewed by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

***Gay Relationships*, Ed., John DeCecco, New York; Harrington Park Press, 1988.**

This is not a "how to" book but a collection of research articles about gay men and their lifestyles.

Two studies document men's sexual appetites as advertised in the personals of *The Advocate*. Malcolm Lumby found the majority of the ads describe slim, Caucasians in their thirties who want a masculine partner who is youthful and good-looking. Thirty-five percent of the advertisers describe explicit sexual activities which they enjoy. Insiders know the meaning of Fr, a; GR, p; B&D; S/M; FF. Twenty percent wanted dirty talk, enemas, group sex, nipple action, etc. (*MGW's* personals seem tame.)

Laner and Kamel took a different look at the personals. They compared these to personals offered by heterosexuals in other papers. They found gay advertisers, like straights, emphasize personal appearance. Straight women and men listed personal characteristics second and gay men rarely mentioned these.

The majority of all three groups listed goals for the relationship, but gay men were far more likely to list explicit goals. Unlike heterosexuals, gay men rarely stated recreational interests. As Lumby found, these gay men want virile, not feminine men. (Researchers keep proving the butch/femme myth to be false.)

Heterosexuals' goals for relationship fell into three categories: 1/3 want marriage; 1/3, a meaningful relationship; 1/3, dating. *The Advocate's* ads are quite different: 8 percent want a permanent relationship; 30 percent want a meaningful relationship; 47 percent want sex. As Lumby says, they describe the sexual activity explicitly.

Laner and Kamel limp a bit when they explain this difference. They say gay men need to be "up front" about sexual activities to ensure compatibility. Truth is, so do heterosexuals. The real difference is gay men don't have the factor of female sexual oppression. What women (lesbian or heterosexual) would advertise the sexual positions she prefers? She can't even tell her lover this once they're in bed! And straight men know courtship of women doesn't begin with how he likes to "do it." Women equate that with harassment they get in the street.

Other researchers examine qualities of the gay relationship. Interestingly, one found monogamous couples have longer-lasting relationships than "open couples." Another found just the reverse. Several studies looked at desirable age for the partner. This was to explore the popular misconception that the usual couple is a late middle-age man and an adolescent boy. Most men want a partner within five years of their age. Men under 25 extended this to 15 years older. Men over 40 wanted younger men. It looks like the most desirable aged men are 25-35 years old. The majority of gay men want decision-making equality in their relationships. This is not always possible when there is a great age difference. The elder is more powerful.

Peplau and Cochran describe a relationship as a balance between intimacy and independence or attachment vs. autonomy. They looked at how gay men work out this balance. They gave 128 men a lengthy questionnaire and found

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▼ pet talk

Of fleas and other pet things...

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

Vacation time for us often heralds the most miserable time of the year for our pets. I'm talking about the influx of the flea population. It is an on-going battle and like the rest of you I am always looking for solutions.

It is common knowledge that fleas and their larva can live in our carapeting for as long as three years. Introduce a host, your pet,and they are activated. FLEABUSTERS of Sacramento guarantees that they can rid your home environment of these pesky critters for a year, and they will back it up with a money-back guarantee. They treat the carpeted areas of the home with a non-poisonous powder that will begin working in two to five weeks. If at the end of the fifth week any fleas are visible, they will perform a reapplication free of charge. According to the local manager, Jerry, the powder works by dehydration, starving the flea and drying out the body fluids. It has a toxicity rating safer than table salt. There are apparently no reactions to family or pets. Many local vets are recommending the product. I am for anything that will help me do the job without constantly having to treat my dogs with toxic products. The outside environment will still have to be treated, and I highly suggest continuing to use a light "quick-kill" powder on your dogs and cats when taking them out in public areas. I am having my place treatead by Fleabusters next week, and I will keep you posted on the progress.

Western Feed and Pet Supply in Carmichael, at 5935 Don Way (near Fair Oaks and Manzanita), is offering a free Dog Dip on Saturday August 24 from 10am until 3pm. The local 4-H club will be accepting a $1.00 donatiaon on behalf of the Guide Dogs For The Blind, Inc. for those who wish to do so. If your dog is infested with fleas, a good dip can start you off clean. If you need further information, call them at 485-1311.

PET FOOD DELIVERIES.....

I ran into a wonderful service that can be a real boon to shut-ins or those with super-busy schedules. Have you ever run out of dog food during your busiest week and had to stop everything in order to take care of the animals? Try Pet Stop Express; a call to Kathy at 452-PETS (452-7387) will get your pet food delivered in 24 hours.

In Business for about 1 1/2 years, Kathy left the regular business world to do something more personally satisfying. Many of her clients never even see her, she delivers the food and picks up the check left under the door mat. For those whose dogs use a measurable amount of food each month, she sets up an automatic delivery schedule. Shut-ins, seniors, anyone who can't wrestle heavy bags of food once they leave the feed store or shop, have the benefit of personal delivery. Kathy said that she deals only in the high quality foods and delivery is free in the Sacramento area.

When I asked her how she came up with the idea, she informed me that as a dog lover she thought she wanted to open a pet supply shop of some sort, but after investigating overhead, she felt it a bit impractical. a trip to LA resulted in discovery of a pet food delivery service, and she decided it would be a great busines for her. Keep the number; you never know when you will need the service, or pass it on to anyone who has a hard time finding time to get to the Pet store.

POLICE CANINES...

Debbie DuVall at 391-8676 is the local representative for DCOP, Dog Companions of Police, a Southern California organizaton that supports Canine Police Programs. Debbie has cleverly created an Adopt a K9 Program. For $35.00 you can adopt one of the local Police K-9's. You will recieve an 8x10 photo of the K-9 you are adopting in addition to other items that signify your involvement in the program. The majority of the funds raised from the adoptions go into a fund to help police officers purchase dogs. many of the dogs are imports, highly trained in various areas of police work, and range in price from about $1000.00 for a locally purchased candidate up to $4,500.00. It is a worthwhile program and you can call Debbie for more information, including a listing of the dogs you can adopt. I was thinking this might be a worthwhile classroom project. Those reading this who are teachers might want to think about it. ▼

▼ cruisin'

You can tell a lot about someone by the car they drive...

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
MGW AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

Automotive News

J.D. Power and Associates, a Southern California firm which surveys car owners on issues related to customer satisfaction and quality and sells the results to auomotive manufacturers, reports that some American makes have been making strong inroads in the areas of quality, reliability and customer satisfaction, for years dominated by the Japanese and by Mercedes Benz and BMW. Cars manufactured by General Motors' premium divisions, Oldsmobile, Buick, Cadillac and the Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motor Company, have consistently placed in the top ten in recent years.

These findings are supported by Consumer Reports magazine's frequency of repair records, published annually in the April issue. Those same American nameplates are starting to show repair records as enviable as the foreign competition. Perhaps it's time for us to consider an American car again when contemplating our next new car purchase.

The Buick Club of America held its annual meet at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento July 18-21. The meet literally took over the huge hotel, with hundreds of lovingly restored Buicks on display in the landscaped parking lots which surround the hotel buildings. Several pristine 1948-49 woody station wagons brought back boyhood memories, as did the '57 Roadmaster and the'65 Skylark convertibles similar to ones my father owned.

The car I looked at longest,however, was a modest 1966 Special Deluxe wagon. In 1973 I bought one of these for $595 and drove if for the next 16 years. It was incredibly durable and dependable. But I remember with particular affection going out on my first gay date in it, having a wonderful time and parking at a fabulous viewpoint overlooking San Francisco and necking with a man for the first time. I'll never forget those experiences and the car that took me to them.

"Your are what you drive," the saying goes. Is this true? I'd like to conduct an informal survey of my readers to find out what you drive and whether you think you are what you drive. In some cases I think the saying fits, for example:

--sleek, elegant Franklin Kakies of the Lambda Center drives a sleek elegant copper-colored Toyota Cressida.

--hardworking, dependable Lou Camera of CSUS, RCDC, etc. drives a hardworking, dependable Toyota Camry hatchback in Wedding Gown White.

--dashing, fast-moving MGW publisher Linda Birner drives a dashing, fast-moving Mazda RX-7 sports car in white.

--smart, cute ARC-soon-to-be-Davis student Matt Martinez drives a smart, cute Nissan Sentra in electric blue.

You'd think, then, that the Sacramento SPCA's beloved Terrie Chrysler would drive a Chrysler, wouldn't you? Well, she doesn't. She drives an Oldsmobile.

What do you drive? How does it fit, or not fit your personality? Write to Dr. Cruise, c\o MGW, 12725 L Street, Sacramento, and let me know.

Dear Dr. Cruise:

We have a 1988 Mazda pickup that we use both for work (we are landscapers) and for weekend camping trips. It has 58,000 miles on it and has been very dependable. Now we're getting concerned about a new noise that seems to be coming from underneath. It seems to only happen at certain speeds, usually just before you shift gears. It will also make the noise if you rev up the engine in the driveway. It's kind of a buzzing, rattling noise. The truck continues to run just fine.

Karen and Cindy
Orangevale

Dear Karen and Cindy:

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Relationships

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these factors, indeed, are relevant. Men high on attachment saw their lovers more often; they were more likely to be friends when they first had sex and not to have been strangers. They were less likely to have had sex outside the relationship (yet 73 percent of the entire sample did have outside sexual activities). Men who were autonomous (independent) had shorter relationships. Since autonomy means a need for personal freedom, it may be that shorter relationships suit these men just fine.

These researchers found that 92 percent of their entire sample think both partners should have equal power in the relationship. Gay couples may find it useful to think of their conflicts as a result of how they think of autonomy and attachment.

Several writers discuss the stages of gay relationships.

Stage 1: (1 year) intensity of togetherness

Stage 2: (1-3 years) homemaking, compatibility, and ambivalence

Stage 3: (3-5 years) resolving conflicts, autonomy vs. attachment, risk-taking in making changes in the relationship

Stage 4: (5-10 years) collaboration, productivity and security in each other

Stage 5: (10-20 years) deep trust, merging possessions, personal withdrawal from the other

Stage 6: (20+ years) sense of permanence, attainment of goals, emergence of personal concerns.

Gay couples might benefit from examining how they are progressing through these stages. Some therapists say one member of the couple may move into the next stage while the other does not. This may be a source of conflict which can be resolved by trying to pass through the stages simultaneously.▼

Dr. Cruise

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fix your problem right the first time if you can give them as much information as possible about the problem, as Daren and Cindy have done.

The problem with your truck is very minor. It is a loose heat shield on the exhaust system. The catalytic converter can get very hot so there is a piece of thin sheet metal around it to keep it from starting fires. In time the attaching welds or screws can loosen allowing the shield to buzz.

You may be able to fix it yourself if you can find a way to tighten or bend the heat shield so it can't vibrate. A muffler shop can take care of this for you as well.▼

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Breast cancer

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Breast Cancer Action want to learn from AIDS activists the political tactics and legislative strategies that have helped pry loose from a budget-conscious Congress and an inherently homophobic society some $851 million in 1992 for AIDS research.

Breast cancer activists point gloomily to the $102 million in research funds set aside for research into breast cancer, despite the fact that four times as many women are diagnosed with breast cancer and twice as many die from the disease each year.

Dr. Lisa Bailey, a surgical oncologist and president of the Oakland-based chapter of the American Cancer Society, says women's health activists have "learned a lesson from the AIDS community - that if you yell loud enough you'll get results."

Even though activist groups like Breast Cancer Action are fairly new, they are taking those lessons to heart

On Mother's Day (May 12) of this year hundreds of breast cancer activists marched on the state Capitol in Sacramento, demanding increased state funding. Elenore Pred, founder of BCA, said, "It was the largest rally of its kind so far in the country. Word reached Washington DC."

And Pred is right. Rep. Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio) publicly thanked BCA last month for its role in supporting her legislation earmarking an additional $40 million in NIH funding for breast cancer research. The bill, which passed the House, will come up before the Senate later this year.

In October, when Congress reconvenes, breast cancer groups from around the country will deliver 175,000 letters to the White House and members of Congress, asking for increased federal funding.

Mary Andrews of Y-ME, a Saratoga-based breast cancer activist group, said that if the "more polite" letter-writing campaign doesn't work, activists are preparing to organize a topless march on Washington "to see if Congress wakes up when confronted with several thousand mastectomy scars."

"This is just the beginning of a tremendous groundswell," said BSA's Pred. "I hope George Bush is well aware of this when he threatens to veto the National Institutes of Health reauthorization bill, which contains more money for breast cancer research than ever before."▼

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being hated and you're hating them. What kind of mentality is that? I remember I went to a bar and the man at the door says, 'No sissies. Butch it up honey!' No sissies and she's saying 'honey' - please! These butch boys are the ones jumping into bed with their legs up saying 'work me!' So why do we hate each other? My family taught me to accept people just as they are.

"We're just like everybody else. We have dreams. We have ambitions. If everybody were the same, we'd be androids."

Willi indeed has ambitions. From the day he presumptuously started his own House of Ninja without a single Ball trophy until today, facing a rocketing career, he has remained confident in his eventual success. With talent and humor and heart, he has made his dreams happen, with the unlikely help of a white lesbian Yale graduate who made a film.▼

Hope House

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"the residents respect each other and care about one another." In addition to holding monthly Hope House community dinners, Hope House volunteers plan regular outings for residents, and take them shopping and about town. Every fourth Thursday, many residents donate time at Loaves and Fishes to help feed the homeless.

Hope House receives no federal or state funding and is operated entirely from private donations. Though the early part of this year found Reverend Sherriff concerned about lagging donations, he is now very pleased with the strong community support the program has been receiving. "Unofficially, I would estimate that 70% of donations are from the gay and lesbian community...this is almost a 'pop in the jaw' to the government - it shows that *we* can do it , without government money, controls and [restrictions]." Some of those who have recently contributed to Hope House include the Fairy Godfathers, the local Court, and Dexter Smith, who organized Art Attack II (several of the unsold art pieces now grace one of Hope House's living rooms). Reverend Sherriff expressed his appreciation, "We have received a large range of donations - from $3, $10, and $20, to all-out fundraisers - it all makes Hope House possible." Hope House needs volunteers, and also accepts gifts of clothing, appliances and furniture; for more information, please call 454-0170. The next benefit for this worthwhile program is the fun-filled Rainbow Festival, organized by FACES owner Terry Sidie and Richard Boriolo, which will run August 30th through September 1st (Labor Day weekend).▼

Redistricting

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attorneys, and are expected to turn in complete redistricting maps. The Sacramento Old city Association (SOCA) is known to be working on the project, as well.

In the gay community, the River City Democratic Club is working on the project. Redistricting was the topic of RCDC's June meeting; speakers included Tom Hoeber who chaired the city's redistricting project 10 years ago and Rosanna Herber, administrative assistant for Councilmember Kim Mueller.

RCDC's Political Action Committee members, under the direction of Robert Jordan, co-chair, have bought the redistricting software and are preparing their own new maps of city council districts. They're planning to coordinate with other groups such as the Latinos or the Sacramento Old city Association or the African-Americans.

Some gay politicos see the possibility of creating a "gay district" in the downtown/midtown area -- a district in which a gay candidate could run successfully for the city council. Others, however, believe that is neither possible nor desirable.

City staff has demonstrated that, because of demographic and geographic factors, the greatest juggling and moving of district lines tends to occur in, and near, the central city area. No one has yet devised a way to keep the entire central city (downtown/midtown/southside) intact in a single district.

Some gay political activists believe that having just one councilmember responsible to the gay community is not in the community's best interest. They claim the community is better served when it is split into two or three city council districts. That way, two or three different councilmembers must respond to their gay and lesbian constituents.

Moreover, some observers say that having a "gay district" is not critical to electing an openly gay candidate. They point to the fact that, throughout the nation, competent gay people have been elected to a variety of public offices in a variety of districts.

In terms of the present makeup of the Sacramento City Council the biggest question seems to be how will Heather Fargo's District 1 change in the downtown area. Currently, much of downtown and midtown is represented by Fargo, a popular councilmember believed to be sensitive to gay issues. The remainder of the area is represented by Tom Chinn in District 4.

Since District 1 is "overpopulated" by about 15,000 residents, it appears inevitable that the southern boundary of the district will move north toward the American River -- but not all the way to the river.

Since Jose Pane's neighboring District3 is "underpopulated" by about 11,000 residents, it appears likely that District 3 will shift westward to pick up some of the residents being shed by District 1.

In other words, many gays now represented by Heather Fargo, a Democrat, may find themselves represented by Josh Pane, the council's lone Republican. Those now represented by Chinn in District 4 may see changes, too. Undoubtedly, that district's boundaries will be changed to some degree. Moreover, Chinn will be challenged in the next election by Dan Flynn, a strong candidate allied with the Old City Association.

Pane is a somewhat unknown element in the equation. He is a Republican but, in city government, party labels often mean little. Moreover, he has lately allied himself with "populist" movements such as the grassroots campaign to preserve the Memorial Auditorium as a mixed-use facility -- a campaign squarely at odds with plans made by the other members of the city council.

So, the impact of redistricting on the gay community is not immediately clear. In the meantime, ethnic minority groups are scrambling to carve out districts which they think will be safe for their own candidates.▼

Hallmark's biased words

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Innes has complained to Hallmark's director of consumer affair, Don Freberg, over the exclusion of the word "lesbian" from the computer's list of acceptable words. In a July 26 letter, Innes told Freberg, "Not only are you censoring us out of existence but you are also saying that to be a lesbian is a bad thing," and asked the greeting card company to remove the word from its banned list.

Innes also rejected Hallmark's argument that the word "lesbian" might be used by some people as an insult. "Many other neutral words can be used in a loaded way - Jews, WASPs, men, women, Christians, atheists, fat, skinny, short, tall - the list is endless."▼

Retired military returns awards

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Congresses and in 1989 was presented with a special award by then-French Prime Minister Michel Rocard, said, "What kind of message does it send to the world community when the Bush administration allows the Pentagon policymakers to treat good Americans this way?"

Earlier this year Anchor became the first openly gay person appointed by newly elected California Gov. Pete Wilson. He was appointed by Wilson, and later confirmed by President Bush, to serve one on the Selective Service System Boards.

The 55-year-old Anchor served a number of years before his retirement in 1988 as the special assistant to the Commanding General of the California National Guard.

Anchor cited a number of openly gay and lesbian heroes who have served in the U.S. military: Sgt. Mariam Ben-Shalom, Lt. Leonard Matlovich, Sgt. Perry Watkins, and ex-Marine John Sippel, who as a private citizen saved President Ford from an assassination attempt.

"I am very proud to stand in their company," Anchor said, "and to know that in spite of the terrible prejudice, in spite of all the cruel things our military leaders do to them, they are willing to give their lives for their country - and even for the countrymen who do not understand their pain."

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AUGUST

Thursday 15

Gay Cable TV : Cable channel 18. 9pm.

Friday 16

SACWN presents "Lesbian Love Connection" Dating game and Newlywed Game, with Maureen Gaynor. Clarion Hotel, 16th & H. 6:30-10:00pm. 486-8985 for info and prices. 451-9691 to participate.

Saturday 17

Sacramento Do Cats. Joseph's Town and Country. 8pm.

KidsFest, music, dance, mime, face-painting, etc. Downtown Plaza Mall, K Str. 10am-6pm.

Queer Nation unofficial "Queer Day" at Great America. Call Doug 415-673-1473.

City Central Cafe Grand Opening. 6pm-9:30pm. 1900 4th Str. $25. Proceeds go to Sac AIDS Foundation. 443-1900.

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Wife #1 Audrey Strange (Meleva Barbula, left) is the object of distain from wife #2 Kay Strange (Suzanne Milligan) in Agatha Christie's murder-mystery *Towards Zero*, through Sept. 21 at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 916-985-6361

Sunday 18

Sacramento Gay Softball League. Wreck Room vs. Mercantile - noon. Townhouse vs. Faces - 2pm. 21st & C.

Monday 19

Sacramento Symphony. Gibson Ranch Elverta Rd. west of Watt. 7:30pm, free.

Church of Enthusiasm and Joy. " Non Verbal and Telepathic Communication" 7pm. $15. 2755 Cottage Way. 456-5685 or 489-7503.

RCDC - City Councilman Joe Serna, "How to Meet Sacramento's Biggest Challenges" 6:30pm. 2791 24th Street.

Tuesday 20

Gay Cable TV. Cable Channel 18. 10pm

THEATRE

Bay Area Playwrights Festival IV - 7 works to premiere by local writers; Last Stair and Stumble - Aug. 8; Cross-Dressing in the Depression - Aug. 9; Shall We Dance - Aug. 10; Inner Life - Aug. 11; Shall We Dance - Aug. 15; Cross-Dressing in the Depression - Aug. 16; The Sword, The Hand - Aug. 17; The Guest and On The Road - Aug. 18; The Guest and On The Road - Aug. 22; Inner Life - Aug. 23; Last Stair and Stumble - Aug. 24; The Word, The Hand - Aug. 25; 415-441-8822.

Carmichael Civic Theatre - Pal Joey - Oct. 18-Nov. 30; 489-6880.

Eureka Theatre Company - La Nona (The Granny) Sept. 21-Oct. 20; Two Rooms - Nov. 16-Dec. 15; Nightlight (Feb. 15-March 14, 1992); Show & Tell (April 4-May 2, 1992); Abundance (May 30-June 27, 1992); 415-558-9898.

Foothill Theatre Co. - Till Death Do Us Part - Sept. 13-14; 265-8587.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre - Agatha Christie's Towards Zero - thru Sept. 21; Windows - Aug. 19; 985-6361.

Music Circus - Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - July 22-28; Me & My Girl - July 20-Aug. 4; Sweet Charity Aug. 5-11; La Cage Aux Folles - Aug. 12-18; Sophisticated Ladies - Aug. 19-25; Grand Hotel - Aug. 27-Sept. 1; 441-3163.

Sacramento Theatre Company - All My Sons - Sept. 13-Oct. 6; A Raisin in the Sun - Oct. 25-Nov. 17; How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying - Dec. 6-Jan. 5, 1992; The Fifth of July - Jan. 24-Feb. 16, 1992; Latins Anonymous - March 6-29, 1992; At the Still Point - April 24-May 17; 443-6722.

Show Below - For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rain is Enuf - Aug. 9-24; Witness for the Prosecution - Sept. 13-Oct. 19; The Glass Menagerie - Nov. 8-Dec. 14; A Walk in the Woods - Nov. 22-Dec. 14; Shirley Valentine - Jan. 3-Feb. 8, 1992; Who's Afraid of Virgina Woolf - Feb. 28-April 4; Breaking the Code - April 24-May 30' 446-2787.

Windows Theatre Troupe - "Paganoia" Aug. 23, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 8pm; $5-$7 donation to benefit conscientious objectors, sponsored by Students Against War, 456-9115.

GALLERIES

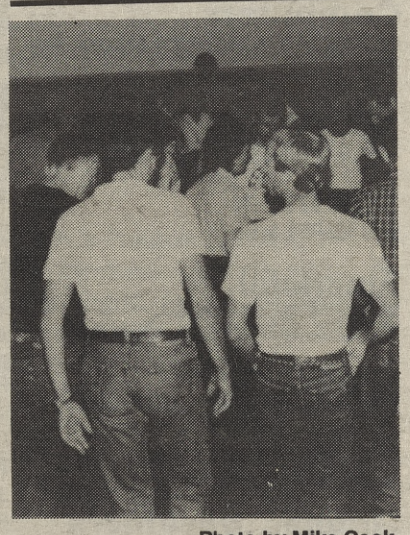
Cartoon Art Museum - "Electronic Comics & Computer Art" thru Sept. 14; 415-546-9481.

Crocker Art Museum - The Transparent Thread; The Tao of Contemporary Art; Sept. 6-Oct. 27; Kinglsey Centennial - Sept. 13-Oct. 27; Bountiful Harvest; 19th Century California Still Life - Nov. 15-Dec. 29; Alfred Jacob Miller - Jan. 10-Feb. 16, 1992; Photostroika; New Soviet Photography - Feb. 28-April 5, 1992; Highlights of the Early California Painting Collection - thru April 1992; Masterpieces of Early California Painting - April-June, 1992; 67th Annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition - April 25-June 4, 1992; 449-5423.

Matrix Gallery - Victoria Hamlin, Barbara Munter, and Mary Mendlein-Schroeder, acrylic and oil paintings with raku and burnished vessels, thru -Aug. 16; 441-4818.

Sacramento Gay Businessmen's Network. Joseph's Town and Country. Upstairs showroom. 649-9248

PFLAG, featuring Linda Birner, Publisher MGW. St. Mark's United Methodist, 2391 St. Mark's Way. 7:30pm.



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MCC's country western dance classes on friday nights in the ballroom are a popular past time in Sacramento

SLCC meeting 7:00 pm, Lambda Center downstairs. 448-3130.

Wednesday 21

Our Boys Steel Orchestra "From the Islands" City Plaza, 10th and J Str. 10am-2pm. free.

Church of Enthusiasm and Joy. "Feelings and Emotions" 7pm. free will donation. 2755 Cottage Way #11. 456-5685.

Women's Night at CARES. "Addressing specific issues/ concerns for women with HIV infection" 7-9pm. Call 443-2299 fr child care.

Thursday 22

Gay Cable TV. Cable Channel 18. 9pm.

Friday 23

Sacramento Symphony. McKinley Park, McKinley Blvd. and Alhambra. 7:30pm. free.

Saturday 24

Sacramento Men's Chorus. Summer Recruitment Pool Party. info. 348-3111.

Sex, Love and Intimacy Workshop, Stan Dale & Human Awareness Institute. Sacramento Community Center 9am-5pm. $75-adults. $50-teens. 415-571-5524.

Sacramento Symphony. Northgate Park, Fairweather Dr. North off ElCamino. 7:30pm.

Sunday 25

Deuce. Todos Santos Plaza, Concord. 1-3pm. free. 724-0674

Sacramento Gay Softball League. Wreck Room vs. Townhouse, Noon. Faces vs. Mercantile 2pm. 21st and C.

Tuesday 27

Gay Cable TV. 10pm. Cable Channel 18.

Joseph's Town and Country. Men's night. Strippers. 10:30pm.

Wednesday 28

Sacramento Symphony. Strauss Island, Elk Grove Park 7:30pm. free.

CARES. HIV Peer Support Group. 7-8:30pm. 2710 Capitol Ave. 443-3299.

Thursday 29

Gay Cable TV. Cable Channel 18. 9pm.

Friday 30

West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival. Yosemite. Deuce to 81perform. 724-0674.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1

Sacramento Gay Softball League. Wreck Room vs. Faces - noon. Townhouse vs. Mercantile - 2pm. 21st and C.

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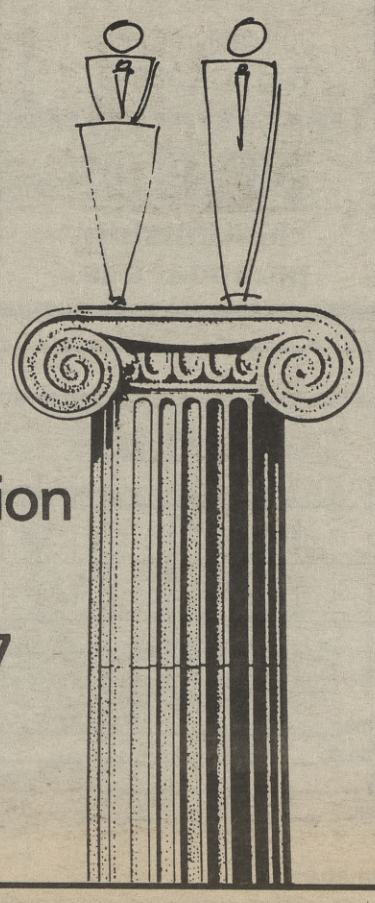
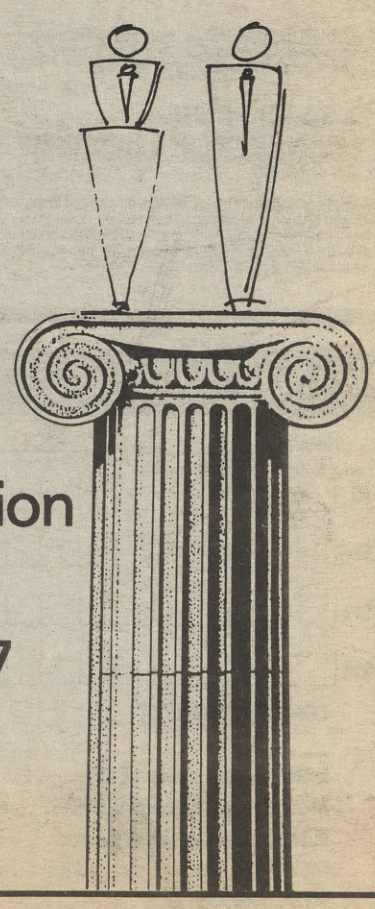
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